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Preface

The East Syriac or Chaldeo-Indian liturgical heritage has an unfathomable treasury of the celebrative experience of faith in its Eucharistic celebration. It is manifested, besides in the use of the three *Quddase* (*Anaphorae*), through the rich variety of the proper changing prayers and hymns for the Sundays and feasts of the liturgical year. The feasts are classified in two categories, the Temporal and the Sanctoral. The feasts which are celebrated according to the flow of the Mystery of Salvation and are in tune with the Sunday celebration are included in the Temporal cycle, while the feasts which fall on the dates of the calendar year belong to the Sanctoral.

The ecclesiastically approved collection of the variable parts of the Syro-Malabar or Chaldeo-Indian *Qurbana* is the *Supplementum Mysteriorum sive Proprium Missarum juxta Ritum Ecclesiae Syro-Malabarensis*, published at Rome in 1960 by the Congregation for the Eastern Churches. The Syriac source of this Latin text is the *Breviarium juxta Ritum Syrorum Orientalium id est Chaldaeorum* in three volumes published at Rome in 1938 by the same Congregation. Remaining faithful to both these source texts, we are trying to present a study text in English for the consideration of all in the Syro-Malabar Church, especially of the Syro-Malabar Episcopal Synod and the Vatican Authority who are to sanction the Syro-Malabar liturgical texts. The Temporal cycle of the *Supplementum Mysteriorum* is fully translated and edited, while only the most important feasts of the Sanctoral cycle are selected to form the present volumes, *The Crown of the Year I and II*. The feasts of **Bl.Chavara** (January 3) and **Bl.Alphonsa** (July 28) are newly added. In all cases, the *Karozutha* (Proclamation Prayer) and the *Huttama* (Sealing Prayer) are added in tune with the biblical readings of the day. In some cases, the necessary abbreviation of the source is also done.

But for the strenuous and selfless help of Rev.Fr.Damon Geiger OSST, this work ought to have been only a dream. His experience in translating, compiling and editing the Melkite liturgical texts in English, his mother-tongue, was indeed a great help to the present volumes. The Syro-Malabar Church ought to be always grateful to him for this generous service.

Volume One includes the temporal for the Weeks of Annunciation, Epiphany and Great Fast together with the sanctoral for the months of December, January, February and March, and Volume Two, the temporal for the Weeks of Resurrection, Apostles, Summer, Elijah-Sliba, Moses and Dedication of the Church together with the sanctoral for the months from April to November. The Book of the Psalms, for convenience's sake, is added to both the volumes.

The DTP work is done by Rev. Biju Kunnumpuram CMI. May I request those who make use of this prayer book to remember in prayer all who have helped me to complete this work.

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The Solemnity of the Lord's Resurrection.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ANNUNCIATION

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed is Your Coming, Lord,
Jesus Christ, the world's Saviour!
You have made us worthy to
worship You with angel hosts!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 49:1)
Come now and hear / and listen well, / all of you peo - - -ple! /
The angel Gabriel declared to Zecheriah: /
You shall have a son, and you are to name him John. /
He will go before the Son of the King, who comes in glory to save all creatures.

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings:

(1) Genesis 17:1-27 **(2)** Isaiah 42:18 - 43:13.

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 86:8-9)
There is no other
god like You, O Lord,
among all the gods!
With the hymns of the Spirit

let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
Christ's blest annunciation.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

There is none, O Lord,
who can ever do
wondrous deeds like Yours!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

All of the nations
You have created
shall come unto You.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Eph 5:21 - 6:9

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn

(Breek Hannana..) (Ps 80:1-2)
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Hear us, Shepherd of Israel; * O Guide of the flock of Joseph!
Shine forth from Your cherubim throne; * show us Your strength come and save us!
Guide us, again, O Mighty God! * Cause Your face to shine upon us!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Lk 1:1-25

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus, when You were about to take flesh from the Virgin at Nazareth to save the human race, You made the barren womb of Elizabeth bear fruit. Bring to life in our barren souls that faith in You which leads to eternal life, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus, You opened the barren womb for the conception of the Preacher of truth and justice. Make Your Churches always stand for that justice which liberates people to be their true selves in freedom with dignity, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus, You marked the beginning of our salvation with signs and wonders. Bless us, Your followers with a deep spiritual insight to recognize Your presence in our brothers and sisters as well as in the events of our daily life, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Like Zecheriah, in Your Holy Mysteries, we always hear Your voice calling us to work with You for the salvation of the world. May we not be silent in responding to You generously with faith, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus, You sent John before You to prepare for Your coming. May Your Churches always be Your forerunners to

the world, heralding Your coming and presence to all peoples, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord Jesus Christ, High Priest of heaven, You sent the archangel Gabriel to the altar of incense to announce to the priest Zecheriah the conception of Your Forerunner. He told him that his prayer had been granted, his offering accepted and his suffering ended. Likewise accept our offerings and receive our prayers. Draw from Your treasures, O most holy Word of God, and pour out upon us the knowledge and understanding of Your marvelous deeds that we may be strengthened in our faith in You, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: I waited patiently for the Lord. *(Ps 40:1)*

The Body of Christ
and His precious Blood
are on the altar.
With great love and reverence
let us all draw near to Him
and with angel hosts proclaim:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord:
You are God - holy Lord of all!"

v: The poor shall eat and be satisfied. *(Ps 22:25)*
The Body of Christ....*(Repeat)*

(The Second Hallowing is to be used from Annunciation until Osana on all Sundays.)

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuai)*

Son of God, You have given
Your Body and Blood to us:
we ask You to give us life
in Your heavenly Kingdom! *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: on this first day, which is the first of days, come, let us receive the Body and Blood of Him who is the First-born of God.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Blest be the Father's First-born,
who visits and renews our race.
He sent John first as a voice
to prepare the way for Him. **Amen.**

You chose John before his birth
to serve You in holiness.
May we all Your servants be
with great joy, faith, hope and love. **Amen.**

May we all receive Your Word
with a faith free from all doubt,
as we celebrate with joy
the feasts of our salvation. **Amen.**

Praise and thanks be to You, Lord,
for Your gifts unto our race.
Honour to Your just servants
to whom You spoke with wonders. **Amen.**

Lord, be gracious unto us
who recall the call of John.
Through his prayers forgive our sins
that we enter Your Kingdom. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here;
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore. **Amen.**

FIRST FRIDAY OF ANNUNCIATION

All is taken from the First Sunday of Annunciation except for the following:

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries *(Thuai..)*

v: Lord, I have called upon You all the day long. *(Ps 88:9)*
We now call aloud to You:
Lord, have mercy on us all!
Jesus Christ, we call to You:
You are Saviour of our race!

v: Until He shall have mercy on us. *(Ps 122:2)*
We now call aloud to You....*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuai...)*

See, the Medicine of Life
is being distributed.
Approach now, O mortal ones,
receive it and have true life! *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: Although the Body of our Lord is distributed every day, it is more fitting to distribute it on Friday, the day of His sacrificial death.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ANNUNCIATION

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, **97**, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed is Your Coming, Lord,
Jesus Christ, the world's Saviour!
You have made us worthy to
worship You with angel hosts!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...)(Ps 85:12)
Yes, it is true! / The Lord shall give / all of His bles - - - sings.
In this cold month of December, the earth bears no fruit. /
God gives the Virgin's fruit, cause of good and hope of all. /
It is Christ, Lord of all, true Light, to be adored with His Father and the Spirit.

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
You came to save us and protect us: accept our prayer. /
May our worship please You as the incense of Aaron. /
Receiving it at all times as a fragrance, grant Your peace and mercy to the world.

Qeryane: Readings: (1) Num 22:20 - 23:2 **(2)** Is 43:14 - 44:5

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 44:1-5)

Our own ears have heard;
our fathers told us
what You did, O God!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
Christ's blest annunciation.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

You drove out nations,
and You planted them,
made for them a place.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

It was not their swords
nor their strength that won,
but Your hand and arm.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

The light of Your face
saved and made them Yours
in Your love for them.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Col 4:2-18

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana..) (Ps 48:9-11)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Standing in Your holy temple, * we are waiting for Your kindness.
As Your Name, so Your praise, O God, * reaches to the ends of the earth!
Your right hand is filled with justice; * rejoice, daughters of all Judah!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Lk 1:26-56

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Compassionate God, who govern all things with tender mercy, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For our country and for all countries and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For a temperate climate, for a good harvest and an abundance of fruits, and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You looked on the lowliness of Your handmaid Mary and took flesh from her when she received Your Word. May we who receive Your Word with faith make it bear fruit in our lives and make You present in the world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Christ our God, You took flesh from her who offered herself to Your Father as the Lord's servant; and on earth You wished to be known as the Servant. Inspire Your Churches, like You, to be the servants of the people and the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus, You went with Your Mother to share with Elizabeth and her son the joy of Your coming. Make Your Churches true communities of sharing - not only in Your divine gifts, but also in the good things and joys of this world as well - with all those who are in need, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O our Saviour, You revealed Your coming into this world by the works of the Holy Spirit. Fill Your Churches with His power and bring them together in communion through fellowship in Your Gospel, with simplicity of life,

community living, in commitment to overcome world poverty, and to work for the liberation of the down-trodden, we implore You.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus, You marked the beginning of Your Economy of salvation with great signs. Prompt Your Church to reveal herself as the sacrament of salvation, the great sign of human hope, in a dynamic process of self-realization and of commitment to the world community, we implore You.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O Most High and hidden God, for our salvation, at the announcement of the angel, You took flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. You visited John, Your Forerunner when he was still in the womb of his mother, Elizabeth. In Your great compassion, O Lord our God, may You take flesh in our lives. Visit our souls and bodies. May we praise You with the angel who announced Your coming, marvel with Joseph at Your conception, leap with joy at Your coming like John and receive You with great love like Mary, O Lord of all, forever.

R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)

v: My heart is ready, O God; my heart is ready. *(Ps 108:1)*

With rev'rence and love,
let us all prepare
for the awesome Gift
of Christ's holy Mysteries;
and adorn our souls with works
pleasing to the Judge of all,
that He show us mercy when
He shall judge - the whole of mankind.

v: All you who by night stand in the house of the Lord. *(Ps 134)*
With rev'rence and love...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuai...)*

O people, rejoice, be glad,
in the sight of our Saviour:
for you are now to partake
of His Bread in His presence! *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: Give thanks to the Merciful One who has freely pardoned your sins. Now become partakers in the Mystery which is called 'holy' by the holy ones.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

O God, You sent words of peace
through the angel to Mary.
Make Your peace now dwell within
Your Churches and Your whole world. **Amen.**

You sent Gabriel to (the) earth
to announce Your taking flesh.
Take flesh always in Your Church
to fulfill Your Mystery. **Amen.**

In the womb of blest Mary,
heav'n and earth were joined as one.
May the world be joined to You
through Your Churches' life and work. **Amen.**

When You took our nature, Lord,
all things were assumed in You.
Help us find Your presence in
all people and creation. **Amen.**

You once came to dwell within
holy Mary, Your Mother.
Come, descend and dwell in us.
Make us, Lord, Your dwelling-place. **Amen.**

When Mary made her visit,
she, a living Ark, bore You.
May You reach and touch others
through Your Churches' presence, Lord. **Amen.**

Spirit came upon Mary;
Christ our God was then made flesh.
May that Spirit dwell on us,
making us Christ's true Body. **Amen.**

May Christ bless our gathering
and preserve His people here,
bring to glory those who shared
His life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

SECOND FRIDAY OF ANNUNCIATION

(All is taken from Second Sunday of Annunciation except for the following:)

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries *(Thuai...)*

v: I will bless the Lord at all times. *(Ps 34:1)*
Bles-sed is our great High Priest
who has pardoned all our debts

by His solemn offering
of Himself in sacrifice.

v: And blessed is His glorious Name for ever. *(Ps 72:19)*
Bles-sed is our great High Priest...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)
O our Lord, how truly blest
are Your Body and Your Blood
which You gave for all peoples
for remission of their sins,
sanctifying our nature
that we sing glory to You. *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: as He began the work of our salvation, the Creator assumed our nature. He who shares our nature has made us sharers in His Majesty by the sacrifice of His life-giving Body.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ANNUNCIATION

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, **98**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed is Your Coming, Lord,
Jesus Christ, the world's Saviour!
You have made us worthy to
worship You with angel hosts!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 96:2, 3)
Day after day, / announce to all / His great salva - - - tion! /
The annunciation contained all salvation. /

Through it, without seed or man, Mary conceived Christ. /
The Holy Spirit alone overshadowed her, bearing the pow'r of the Most High.

Announce to all / among nations / His awesome glo - - - ry! /
Mary is blest among all women, so full of hope. /
Let us adore our Creator, who pitied us. /
The Holy Spirit alone overshadowed her, bearing the pow'r of the Most High.

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
By Your Cross, our Lord Jesus, let Your Church be guarded./
Drive off her foe and fill her with Your glorious splendour. /
Make her a safe harbour for those who suffer; grant her peace and protect her children.

Qeryane: Readings: (1) Gen 18:1-19 **(2)** Jdg 13:2-24

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 68:14-17)

When God placed a King
over Mount Zion,
it was white as snow.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
Christ's blest annunciation.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Mount Bashan is high;
it has many peaks -
yet it is jealous.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

God chose Mount Zion
as His dwelling-place
for eternity.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son

and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Eph 3:1-21

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana..)(Ps 89:4-7)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
I made a pact with My elect, * an oath to My servant, David:
Your Son will be King for ever; * your Kingdom will last all ages!
Heavens praise Your wonders, O Lord, * Your faithfulness to Your people!
Who above is like You, O Lord? * No angel, Lord, is Your equal!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Lk 1:57-80

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are rich in mercy, and plentiful in goodness, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For our country and for all countries and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O our Saviour, through the birth of Your Forerunner, John, You brought joy to Zecheriah. Elizabeth and their neighbours. May we find joy in all Your many gifts and share them with all, rejoicing with those who rejoice, and mourning with those who mourn, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: O Christ our God, You closed the lips of the priest Zecheriah for his unbelief and opened them on the day of the birth of his son. Set us free from the bondage of unbelief; open our hearts and minds to understand Your saving work in our own time; and open our lips and lives to profess it, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus, John grew and became strong in spirit, living in the desert until the day he began his ministry. Help us to prepare by asceticism and prayer to be Your herald's today, calling all people to turn to Your Kingdom through true repentance according to Your Gospel, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You called John to be Your Forerunner and prepare Your ways. Then You sent him to Your people, an image of Your Churches' mission in this world. May we always realize that we have been sent, and that all our thoughts, words and deeds should reflect You and draw others closer to You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, You sent John the Baptist, Your herald, as a succulent and pleasing fruit taken from a dried and barren vine. May our barren lives bring forth fruits of repentance and virtue. At the intercession of Your Forerunner, make the works of holiness flourish among us that we may always see Your salvation and be able to exalt and glorify You at all times, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Your throne, O God, is for ever and ever. *(Ps 45:6)*

Holy, mighty Lord,
the angels surround
Your most awesome throne;
and they worship ceaselessly,
bowed before Your great Glory;
never-ending hymns they sing:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!
Praise to You, - Lover of Mankind!"

v: Let all pay tribute to Him who is to be revered. *(Ps 76:11)*

Christ, the Seraphim
stand with reverence
and they honour You
for Your Majesty, O Lord.
They dare not behold Your face,
but cry out with ceaseless voice:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!
Praise to You, - Lover of Mankind!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuai..)*

The great prophets and the kings
had a burning longing for

Your Body and precious Blood,
which brings us forgiveness. *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: David longed for and sought - but did not drink - the water for which he prayed. Give thanks, for you have been permitted to drink from the chalice of Christ.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

May the Lord God who called John
to prepare the way for Christ,
help us to answer our call
to witness to Him before all. **Amen.**

May our presence as His Church
loose the tongues of all to speak
praises to the Lord of all
and find meaning in their lives. **Amen.**

God gave Zecheriah joy
and to old Elizabeth
by the birth of their son, John,
a gift for their faithfulness. **Amen.**

May God grant joy to His Church,
which He took to be His Bride.
In her faith, may she give birth
to many for His Kingdom. **Amen.**

May we learn to bless You, Lord,
saving God of Israel;
and to see You working in
all within and around us. **Amen.**

You make us Your heralds, Lord,
to call all through repentance
to know You, their saving Lord,
in the midst of daily life. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here;

bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore, **Amen.**

THIRD FRIDAY OF ANNUNCIATION

All is taken from the Third Sunday of Annunciation except for the following:

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries *(Thuai...)*

v: Praise God in His sanctuary. *(Ps 150:1)*
Let us offer thanksgiving
and the praises of our hearts
to the Son of God, our Lord,
who has saved us by His Cross.

v: Out of the mouths of babes and young children. *(Ps 8:2)*
Let us offer thanksgiving...*(Repeat)*

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ANNUNCIATION

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed is Your Coming, Lord,
Jesus Christ, the world's Saviour!
You have made us worthy to
worship You with angel hosts!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Deut 32:17; Ps 85:12)
Behold and see! / They are new things / which now have been - - - done. /
Mary was disturbed at the strange things the angel said. /
She who knew not man conceived by the Spirit's pow'r. /
And by the case of Elizabeth, he confirmed this truth for the Blessed Virgin. /

Yes, it is true! / The Lord shall give / all of His bles - - - sings!/
He made Adam from dust and Eve from him without seed. /
He made barren Sarah fertile, and then Rebecca. /
And by the case of Elizabeth, he confirmed this truth for the Blessed Virgin. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
O our Lord Jesus, by Your Cross our race was renewed. /
Through Your Cross, we received life and death was destroyed. /
May it protect and save us all from the evil one, that we may confess its power.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 24:50-67 **(2)** 1 Sam 1:1-18

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 99:4-6)

You love what is right;
justice and judgment
You bring to Jacob.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
Christ's blest annunciation.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Praise the Lord our God,
worship at His throne
for He is holy!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Samuel and the priests,
Moses and Aaron,
called upon His Name!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Eph 5:5-21

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana..)(Ps 110:3-5)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your people will be most glo-rious * on the day of Your great power!
From the womb as fair and holy * I begot You from all ages!
You are a priest eternally * as Melchizedek was of old.
The Lord has sworn and will not lie; * the Lord will stand at Your right hand!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 1:18-25

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are by nature good, and the Bestower of all good things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For a temperate climate, for a good harvest and an abundance of fruits, and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus, You enlightened the mind of the just Joseph to accept the Mystery of Your Incarnation when he was troubled at the conception of the Virgin Mary. Strengthen all of us in the dedication of our lives to You in faith and love, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: O Christ, You sent down an angel to strengthen and confirm Joseph when he was in doubt. Strengthen all of Your followers in a faith that will leave no room for doubt, and teach us how to cooperate with Your ever-growing plan to be incarnate within the world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus, You revealed Your coming into this world by the works of the Holy Spirit. Fill Your Churches with His power and make them grow together in the same hope and confidence into one visible Body of Christ, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus, You were born of the Father in an ineffable manner and were incarnate of the Virgin Mary without being limited. Reveal Yourself to the world as the Son of God, full of grace, mercy and truth, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: O our Lord and our God, You willed to become incarnate in the loving bosom of a family. May all families, communities, nations and peoples find You incarnate in the midst of their joys and sorrows and their shared life together, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O Lord of all, You sent Your angel to dispel the confusion of Joseph caused by the Mystery of Your conception in the womb of the ever-Virgin Mary. Strengthen us in Your truth and grant us Your salvation. Protect our faith from doubt and our belief from confusion. Make us worthy to celebrate Your wondrous Nativity, to honour Your most pure Mother and the just Joseph, and to bless and praise You in all things and at all times, O our Lord and our God, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: I will now say: Peace be to you. *(Ps 121:8)*
The angel's greeting
left Mary troubled.
She had known no man;
through the Spirit, she conceived.
Peace on earth, glory to God,
good hope be to all mankind!
Blest the Father's only Son
who as man, - comes to save mankind!

v: Peace be within your walls. *(Ps 122:7)*
The angel's greeting...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Praise the Lord in His temple;
praise Him in His mighty heights:
Christ, who gives us His Body!
Let us all now render thanks
to Christ in His holy Church,
for He gives us His Body! *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: the chosen people of Israel slaughtered the life-giving Lamb, and the Gentiles came and tasted of Him. They caught, killed it and prepared the banquet for us Gentiles. It brought judgment for them, but joy for us.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Once in Egypt, long ago,
God called one Joseph in faith
to aid in His saving plan
to preserve His chosen race. **Amen.**

Now God calls a new Joseph
to cooperate in faith,
to collaborate with Him
in His plan to save all men. **Amen.**

Joseph struggled to accept
and to understand with faith
what the Lord had willed for him
in the plan of salvation. **Amen.**

As He did for Joseph once,
may God help us all to see
our part in the Mystery
of His love for all mankind. **Amen.**

As God worked in the marriage
of Isaac and Rebecca,
and with Joseph and Mary,
may He bless all families. **Amen.**

When doubts come to cloud our hearts,
as they did to Joseph once,
may God's Word bring light to us
and help us to walk in faith. **Amen.**

May God bless our gathering
and preserve His people here;
bring to glory those who shared
His life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore, **Amen.**

FOURTH FRIDAY OF ANNUNCIATION

All is taken from the Fourth Sunday of Annunciation except for the following:

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Praise God in His sanctuary. *(Ps 150:1)*
As we celebrate
Annunciation
of Christ our Saviour,
let us praise with angel hosts
the Father who sent Him down
and the Spirit who through Him
has renewed, restored, revived
our image - which had grown faded.

v: Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him. *(Ps 105:2)*
As we celebrate...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Mariam Btulta...Pulariprabhayil...)
O God, the Existing One,
You exalted our nature

in the bles-sed First-Fruits
which You have received from us.
Since You are compassionate,
do not close Your door to us
who have been redeemed and saved
by Your Son and Your Spirit. *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: the Lord now lets us share His Body and Blood, as He invites us to the banquet of His Kingdom. In His goodness, He remits our sins that we may sing His praise and worship His majesty.

DECEMBER 25
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, **97**, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 35:18)*

I will thank You, Lord, my God,
within the great assembly;
I will sing my praise to You
in the midst of all peoples!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...)(Ps 110:3; 72:17)
From all ages, / I begot You, / You are my own - - - Son! /
Your birth was hidden from the hosts on high who praise You. /
Without leaving Your cherubim throne, You filled the earth! /
O Lord, Saviour of all, You did this by Your manifestation in the flesh!

And His great Name / shall last as long / as the sun re - - - mains! /
With angels, we sing: "Glory to God in the highest!" /

Then with shepherds, proclaiming and saying, "Peace on earth", / we beg You, O Good Hope of our souls: be propitious and have mercy on us!

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. / Through Your holy and bles-sed Cross, O Christ, our Saviour, / angels and men became one flock and one holy Church. / Heav'n and earth rejoice; and all creatures cry out: "Lord of all, glory be to You!"

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Is 7:10-16; 9:1-3,6-7
(2) Mic 4:1-3; 5:2-5, 8-9

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 87:5-7)

A great, Mighty One
has been born in her
and has made her strong.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Nativity of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

In His register,
the Lord has numbered
all of His people.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Those who dwell in you,
all shall now rejoice
for He is born there!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.

Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Gal 3:15 - 4:6

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana..)(Ps 2:7-9)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Lord told Me: You are My Son! * This day have I begotten You!
Ask of Me and I shall give You * nations as Your inheritance.
And the distant parts of the earth * I shall give as Your possession!
As a shepherd, You shall rule them * You shall break them like a clay dish.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Lk 2:1-20

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord, Father of mercy, God of all comfort, You have sent Your Son to us in the likeness of sinful human nature in order to atone for our sins, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord, You have sent Your beloved Son to the earth to nullify the rites of the Old Testament and to give salvation and justice to Your faithful, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord, You have sent Your Son to Your own people to illuminate by divine radiance the minds darkened by the gods of this world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord, You have received us in advance as sons in the Messiah and have blessed us with all heavenly graces, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord, You have hidden the Mystery that was in You from the beginning, and in time You have willed to reveal it to the children of the Church, we implore You;
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O God, You gave Popes, Patriarchs and Bishops to lead and protect the Church, which is the Body of Christ. For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O God, You drew the poor and wretched closer to You through Your Son who was born in a stable, taking the form of a servant; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

D: Lord God, we thank You for sending Your Son to make us sharers in Your divine life. We, too, adore the divine Child with blessed Mary, ever-Virgin, blessed Joseph, the humble shepherds and the three wise men. May we lead a life worthy of the children of God. Help us who are filled with the joy of the Incarnation to incarnate Him in our thoughts and deeds, for we are the flock You have chosen in Your grace and mercy, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Sing to the Lord a new song. *(Ps 149:1)*
Glory and great joy
have filled the whole world
in all its corners
at Christ's blest Nativity.
Heaven's armies, angel hosts
join with us to sing aloud:
Glory be to God on high;
peace on earth, - and good will to all

v: The world and those who dwell in it. *(Ps 24:1)*
The Sole-Begotten
Son of God Most High
has appeared to us
in the flesh which He assumed.
His power has been announced
to all peoples in all lands.
After that, He ascended
in glory - to His blest Father.

D'hil-At: Awesome Are You

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)
Awesome are You, Most High God,
in Your holy sanctuary
for ever and evermore! *(Ps 68:35)*
Ever blest be the glory
of the living Lord, our God,
from His holy dwelling place! *(Ezech 3:12) (Repeat)*

The Lord God has said to Me,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
You, indeed, are My true Son,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
This day I did beget You! *(Ps 2:7)*
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
Awesome are You....*(Repeat)*

From ivory palaces,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
all the daughters of the King,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
shall praise You with great glory! *(Ps 45:8)*
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
Awesome are You....*(Repeat)*

The Coal which the prophet saw,
the angel held within tongs,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
But now in the sanctuary,
the priests bear It in their hands,
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
Awesome are You....*(Repeat)*

Come together, all peoples:
let us now draw near to It
with pure bodies and pure souls.
This is the hidden Myst'ry
which is given for our sake
for the remission of sins!
Awesome are You....*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Mariam Btulta... Pulariprabhayil...)

The Body and saving Blood
are offered on the living
and life-giving altar here
in the midst of holy Church;
from which it will be received
on the holy, glo-ri-ous
and spi-ri-tu-al altar,
the true one, in heav'n above.

With Your Body and Your Blood,
You, O Lord, now nourish us.
How could our mouths ever be
sufficient to give You thanks?
Our eyes see and our hands touch -

angels call us blest on high!
Blest is Your Nativity,
which brings light to all the world.

In Your birth all things rejoice,
praise Your Father, who sent You.
There is peace in heav'n and earth:
all things are made one in You.
Your Body becomes for us
a lasting memorial
of Your Passion and Your death;
blest are You, O saving Lord!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: behold, the Virgin has conceived and born a Son, and His Name is *Amman-hu-El*. For us is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Come, let us draw near to Him with holiness in body and soul. This is indeed the Mystery which was hidden and is given for our sake for the remission of sins. Alleluia, alleluia!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Glory be to God on high;
peace on earth to creation!
Today God reveals to us
a great, wondrous Mystery! **Amen.**

The cave has become a heav'n;
the Virgin, a Cherub Throne;
the manger a noble place
where the Son of God is found. **Amen.**

A cave holds the One who sits
enthroned at the Father's right.
He receives our lowly praise -
in return, gives rich mercy. **Amen.**

He became human like us
and shares our humanity,
that we can become divine,
sharing His Divinity. **Amen.**

May He bless our gathering
and preserve His people here;
bring to glory those who shared
His life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore, **Amen.**

FIRST FRIDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

(All is taken from the Feast of Nativity except for the following)

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides for all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus, by Your birth from the Virgin Mary, You enabled us to become children of God, not born of the fleshly desire of man, but of God's gracious love, to be His true offspring. May Your glory as the One Beloved Son shine upon this assembly of the children of God, that we may radiate You in truth and grace, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Christ our God, You were born in poverty in Bethlehem, and on the eighth day You were revealed as the Saviour of the world when You received Your Name, Jesus. Make Your people live as a true community of the redeemed, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus Christ, You began Your life among us in the dark cave at Bethlehem, where You came to bring light to our

world darkened by sin. You ended Your earthly life in the dark cave of Your tomb, from which the new life and light of the Resurrection destroyed death and sin and shown on all. Be incarnate in the cave of our hearts, and let Your light shine forth within us, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus, In Your incarnation, You assumed our nature so that we could assume Yours. You became man so that we could become God. May You truly become present in the lives of each of us, and may we truly become present in You, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Christ our God, at Your birth, You were wrapped tightly in swaddling cloths in the cave at Bethlehem. At Your death, You were wrapped tightly in the shroud in Your tomb, binding Yourself to our human condition. Set us free by our share in Your divine nature. May the poor and lowly, the illiterate and downtrodden be set free to obtain all fundamental human rights, with dignity of life, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

R: To You, O Lord our God.

D: O our Lord and our God, we celebrate Your birth in the flesh from the Virgin. May we worship You with the shepherds, offer You gifts with the wise men and glorify You with the angels. As You have come to share in our nature, grant us a

share in Yours, that this Mystery may continue to be realized in our lives, families, communities and Churches, at all times, O Lord of all, forever.

R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)

v: O come, let us sing to the Lord! *(Ps 95:1)*

Come, raise our voices
in our hymns of praise;
let us all draw near
to the living, rational
sacrifice now given us
as the source of all our help:
the Image of His Father,
the Only- Begotten true Son!

v: We shall give You thanks forever. *(Ps 79:13)*

Come, raise our voices
in our hymns of praise;
let us all draw near
and offer with all our heart
worship and exaltation
to the Father's true Image,
Christ, the Sole-Begotten Son,
His Father - and Holy Spirit!

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY
(Fifth Sunday of Annunciation)

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, **98**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed is Your Coming, Lord,
Jesus Christ, the world's Saviour!

You have made us worthy to
worship You with angel hosts!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 76:12)
He shall humble, / bring down the pride / of all the ru - - - lers. /
The Son of Mary caused disquiet in King Herod; /
the prophecy of Rachel's weeping was fulfilled: /
at Ramah, murder and children's blood - but today for us, all creatures have been saved. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: (1) Gen 21:1-21 **(2)** 1 Sam 1:19-28

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 29:1-2)
Offer to the Lord
lambs and yearling sheep;
give glory and praise!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Nativity of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Praise the Name of God
and adore the Lord
in His holy place!
With the hymns the Spirit..

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Gal 4:18 - 5:1

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana..)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Persia's princes bring gifts in joy * from their land to the Virgin's Son.
They offer gold, myrrh and incense * to the Child found among the poor.
They bow down in worship to Him * and in joy present their treasures.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 2:1-23

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are glorified in heaven and worshipped on earth, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus Christ, true Light from true Light, You were seen in the flesh upon earth and shed Your light on those whose minds were filled with gloom. Be the light of the nations and make us into a people of light, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus, may we seek You with the shepherds, offer You gifts with the wise men, glorify You with the angels and treasure You in our hearts with Mary, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: O Sun of Justice, through the call of the wise men, You symbolized the call of the Gentiles to obtain Your salvation. May Your birth be to all nations a sun visiting from on high, the light that shines upon all peoples, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You gave us the joy of being children of the Church, that Church of which the wise men were the first fruits from among the nations. Give us the courage and zeal, through the grace of the Holy Spirit, always to witness to the truth of Your teachings, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: O Christ our God, Your Nativity shed the light of knowledge on the world. By it, the Chaldaean wise men who had worshipped stars and the sun, learned from a star to worship You, the Sun of Justice, and to recognize in You the One who rises and comes from on high. May we always see light in Your Light, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, as You received the gifts of the Magi, You were restoring the gift of our inheritance to Adam

and his descendants. Those who had once captured Your chosen people and led them off to exile are now captivated by the light of Your glory and led to the true Faith. Led by the light of Faith, may we seek and find Your presence in all things, at all times, O Lord of all, forever.

R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)

v: Praise God in His sanctuary! *(Ps 150:1)*

It is right and just,
Lord, that we should praise
Your mercy and grace!
In Your love, You gave to us
these most wondrous Mysteries,
which the angels long to see;
and with them, we cry aloud:
O our Lord, - great is Your mercy!

v: For the glory of Your Name. *(Ps 79:9)*

You have granted us
when we offer You
this pure Sacrifice,
we shall see in faith and love
the splendour of Your greatness,
and cry out with angel hosts:
Holy, holy, holy God!
O our Lord, - great is Your mercy!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Mariam Btulta...Pulariprabhayil...)

The Body and saving Blood
are offered on the living
and life-giving altar here
in the midst of holy Church;
from which it will be received
on the holy, glo-ri-ous
and spi-ri-tu-al altar,
the true one, in heav'n above.

With Your Body and Your Blood,
You, O Lord, now nourish us.
How could our mouths ever be
sufficient to give You thanks?
Our eyes see and our hands touch -
angels call us blest on high!
Blest is Your Nativity,
which brings light to all the world.

In Your birth all things rejoice,
praise Your Father, who sent You.
There is peace in heav'n and earth:
all things are made one in You.
Your Body becomes for us
a lasting memorial
of Your Passion and Your death;
blest are You, O saving Lord!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: behold, the Virgin has conceived and born a Son, and His Name is *Amman-hu-El*. For us is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. Come, let us draw near to Him with holiness in body and soul. This is indeed the Mystery which was hidden, which is given for our sake for the remission of sins. Alleluia, alleluia!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

A star reveals the true Light
of the Sun of Justice born,
the world's Light lies in a cave.
Let the wise still seek that Light. **Amen.**

Ox and ass acknowledge Him
whom the Cherubim adore.
Yet so many know Him not
and take not their life from Him. **Amen.**

You became poor for our sake
that in Your great poverty,

all of us may be enriched
by Your blest Divinity. **Amen.**

Receive this our worthless praise
as You once accepted that
of the shepherds from the fields
and the wise men with their gifts. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here;
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore, **Amen.**

SECOND FRIDAY AFTER NATIVITY
Praises to the Mother of Jesus

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 46:4,5)*

Holy is the dwelling-place
of the Lord, our God, Most High!
God is in the midst of her;
she shall never be disturbed.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...)(Ps 79:9)
For the sake of / the true glory / of Your Name, O - - - God! /
Holy women, who love Your Name, thank You, Lord of all. /
From them You chose Mary for Your hidden Mystery. /
By the Spirit, Christ, Saviour of the world, arose from her; and the Church honours her.

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
O blest Mary, holy Virgin, pray and entreat Christ /
to have mercy on the world which trusts in your prayers. /
The Church rejoices to honour you, and her children are kept safe within her.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Ex 15:11-21 + Mic 6:1-5 + Jer 31:13-17
(2) Act 1:1-14

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 45:13)

All the fair glory
of the King's daughter
is from within her.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Virgin Mother Mary.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

All her adornment
and what covers her
is of purest gold.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 16:1-27

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana..) ((Ps 45:10, 13)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Hear, my daughter, see and listen * and forget your house and people.
All your glory, O King's Daughter, * shines forth to us from within you.
All your clothing and your vesture * are adorned with purest of gold.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Lk 1:26-55 OR Mt 1:1-16, 18-25

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Christ, who chose a humble Virgin to be Your Mother and adorned her with all the gifts of the Holy Spirit, fill us with the gifts of the Spirit, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O God, who willed to adorn the daughter of Adam with the motherhood of Adam's Saviour, grant the help of this Mother to us who are the children of Adam, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Christ, You shone forth upon earth after assuming a body from the holy Virgin Mary for the salvation of the human race. Enable us to experience that gift of salvation, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Christ, You made us Your brothers and co-heirs through the holy Virgin Mary. Help us to possess the heavenly Kingdom through an authentic Christian way of life, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The prophet foretold that the Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and His Name shall be *Amman-hu-El*, meaning, 'God is with us'. May we joyfully observe the directions and guidance of our mother Church, following the example of the Virgin Mary who always said 'Yes' to the will of God, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Lord, almighty God, we humbly ask through the intercession of the holy Virgin Mary that You fill us with Your grace and pour out Your gifts upon us. May Your mercy and blessings be upon us for the remission of debts and forgiveness of sins, as we venerate Your most pure Mother, O Lord, of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Then they said among the nations. *(Ps 125:2)*
Blest are You, Mary!
Now your bles-sedness

has become so great
that no tongue could ever tell:
Blest are you and exalted:
you have born the King of Kings,
the great Lord, the Mighty One,
who rules all - above and below!

v: Pray and make entreaty.
O bles-sed Mother,
and holy Virgin:
pray and intercede
with the Son your womb did bear
that He banish war and hate
from all corners of the earth
and bless this new year that starts,
for He is - our good Lord and God!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)
Bles-sed are you, O Mary,
imitated by women
and by daughters of princes.
Bles-sed are you, O Mary,
blest and exalted your name
on account of your blest Son!

Bles-sed are you, O Mary,
for you were indeed worthy
to become the true Mother
and the loving Handmaiden
of the Sole-begotten Son
of our God, the Lord of all!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: let us all partake of the incorruptible Body and the chalice of the precious Blood of Christ, the Saviour of us all. For our hope is in His death for us all; and our faith is in His Resurrection. It is right to join the angels and sing to Him: Alleluia!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Born from a Virgin, You filled
the community with grace,
and revealed to all the world
the birth of our salvation. **Amen.**

You chose Mary, Your Mother,
as Your earthly dwelling-place
for the manifestation
of Yourself in human flesh. **Amen.**

From her, You came forth a man
among men to save mankind.
From her, You took what is ours
and renewed it by Your birth. **Amen.**

Through her, we entreat You, Lord,
that You show Your face to us,
and make known unto us all
how to please You in all things. **Amen.**

Virgins cannot mothers be,
nor mothers virgins remain:
both in her were reconciled.
Your Church shares the mystery. **Amen.**

You made her a model for
Your Church and all believers.
With the angel, we tell her:
"Peace to you, O full of grace!" **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here;
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore, **Amen.**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER NATIVITY
(Sixth Sunday of Annunciation)

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, **97**, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed is Your Coming, Lord,
Jesus Christ, the world's Saviour!
You have made us worthy to
worship You with angel hosts!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...)(Ps 49:1)
Come now and hear / and listen well, / all of you peo - - -ple!/
O peoples and nations, come; let us praise Christ Jesus. /
In His goodness, He has given us eternal life. /
He saved our nature and transformed our ignorance into knowledge of His light.

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: (1) Ex 2:1-10 **(2)** Is 49:1-6

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 68:22-23)

Thus has said the Lord:
I shall redeem you
from your enemies.
With the hymns of the Spirit

let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy

the Nativity of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

I shall bring you back
from all the nations,
from the heights and seas.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

You shall have triumph:
over all your foes,
total victory!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: 2 Tim 2:16-26

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana..) (Ps 87:3-6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Glorious things of you are spoken, * holy city of our Lord God!
Babylon and Egypt shall come; * foreign nations shall all know Me.
The Mighty One is born in her, * and by Him shall she be strengthened.
In His book, God records people. * He writes: There this Man has been born!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Lk 2:21-52

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are by nature immortal and dwell in resplendent Light, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Christ, You came among the poor to set the downtrodden free. Prompt all leaders and rulers to dedicate themselves to the service of the millions who are poor and oppressed. Let them seek the will of the Father in all things. Strengthen them in their task of putting an end to inequalities by providing dignity of life and true freedom to all, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: When You were called Jesus, You made us know that You are our Saviour. Grant that all those who are groping in the dark or shaken in their faith may recognize You as the One Beloved Son, sent by the Father to make us Your brothers and sisters, so that You may bring salvation to us all, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: O Saviour, You allowed Yourself to be carried in the arms of Simeon and You released him from the bonds of life. Loose us from all the entanglements of sin and make us carry You in our hearts, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus Christ, You were brought to the Temple in Jerusalem to be manifested as the Saviour of the world, and You returned there as a young man to seek and do the will of Your Father. Reveal Yourself to our generation as the true Liberator of the human family, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus, make us worthy to bear You gloriously and embrace in our hearts like Your Virgin Mother, to receive You in our arms and carry you like the elder Simeon, to praise You with Anna the prophetess, and to find You in the Temple of Your Church, doing the will of Your Father, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, You were presented in the Temple as a Child and found in the Temple as a youth, for You Yourself are the new and perfect Temple in which the Father is encountered. Help us to present ourselves also as acceptable sacrifices and living stones to be built into the Temple of Your Body, the Church, at all times, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Praise the Lord from the heavens! *(Ps 148:1)*

The heavens and earth
have now been renewed
by the wondrous Son
who has come from the Virgin.
When the angels announced peace,
creation was filled with hope

at their words which brought great joy.
O Saviour, - glory be to You!

v: Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad! *(Ps 96:11)*
In blest Bethlehem,
He has now appeared,
who takes sin away.
The world is no longer bound
by sin, death and corruption,
but has joy in salvation
which in love our God has wrought.
O Savior, - glory be to You!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)
Age to age shall tell Your works
and declare Your mighty pow'r.
They shall speak of Your glory.
I shall tell of Your greatness
while the heav'nly angel hosts
stand with reverence and fear.

They sing praises to His Name
and with wonder they call out
with us all in holy hymns:
"Holy is the Lord, our God!
Glorious is the Holy One
who exists before all time!"

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: let us give thanks to the Son of the King, who came down to us, and in His goodness gave our human race the wondrous gift of His awesome Mysteries.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

When You took our nature, Lord,
all things were assumed in You.
All created things are now
sacraments that lead to You. **Amen.**

You kept Your Divinity,
yet took the form of a slave.
Though the Master, Lord of all,
You came here to serve mankind. **Amen.**

You, the living Temple, Lord,
were presented as a Babe
in the Temple of the Law
and brought that Law to an end. **Amen.**

May we, Your community,
seek always Your Father's will,
be presented unto Him
as His servants and Temple. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here;
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore, **Amen.**

January 6

EPIPHANY

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, **98**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 35:18)*

> *I will thank You, Lord, my God,*
> *within the great assembly;*
> *I will sing my praise to You*
> *in the midst of all peoples!*

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails:

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 144:1; 45:6)
I shall sing praise / to You, my Lord, / O my God and my - - - King! /
The cherubim surround Your awesome throne of glory. /
Lord, they veil their faces in fear, not raising their eyes. /
With reverence, they will not look upon that great Fire of Your Divinity. /

Your throne, O God, / stands for ever / throughout all a - - - ges!/
But You who are so glorious came to dwell among men, /
not to burn them by Your Fire, but to enlighten them. /
Great is Your mercy and grace manifested to our race. Glory be to You!/

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit. /
Your servants hope for life and bliss, O our Saviour. /
In faith they seek refuge under the arms of the Cross. /
In mercy, protect those worshipping You and fulfill Your covenant promise. /

From ages past, / for ever more / and ever. A - - - men. /
In Your Gospel, You said that those who believe in You /

would inherit the Kingdom and eternal life. /
May we sing to You with Your saints in Your Kingdom's bridal chamber. Glory to You!

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Num 24:2-9, 15-25
(2) Is 4:2-5 + 11:1-5 + 12:4-6

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 45:7)

Therefore, God, your God,
has anointed You
with His own chrism.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the blest Baptism of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

He anointed You
with oil of gladness
above Your fellows.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Tit 2:11 - 3:7

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 45:1-2,7)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
My heart pours forth in noble words * unto the King I tell my works.
My tongue is swift as a fast pen * in the hands of a scribe writing.

Thus God, your God, anointed You * with the chrismed oil of gladness.
Unction above Your fellow kings * with myrrh, aloes, and sweet cassia.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 3:1-17

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: O our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: As we celebrate this Feast of Lights, Your Baptism and Divine Epiphany, when the Fire of Your Divinity entered the water and changed its nature so that it became life-giving, and You identified with us sinners, manifesting Yourself to be our Saviour, may we truly be the sons and daughters of Your new creation, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You were baptized by John as a son of man and received from the Father a testimony as Son of God, and were manifested to the people by the Holy Spirit. Prompt Your Churches to manifest You truly and effectively to the world, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: The Holy Spirit, who had left mankind at the beginning, descended on You now as the head of the race of Adam, and You restored and bestowed Him upon us. Pour out Your Spirit on the whole human family, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You were baptized in the Jordan to deliver the sons of Adam from their sins, the sins of man and society. Prompt us all to work for a renewal of our society, our country and the world, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Eternal God and Son of the Eternal Father, You became incarnate, were baptized and manifested Yourself to give us the inheritance of sons and daughters, which makes us call Your Father "our Father", while we await our divine inheritance. Enlighten us, then, O God, with the light of Your Baptism and Epiphany, that we may praise You on this Feast of Lights. For You are Light from Light and have come to enlighten all those who come into the world, and we glorify You, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Sing to the Lord a new song. *(Ps 149:1)*
All of creation
has now been renewed

by its Lord and God,
and it recognizes well
who its Saviour really is,
for today He is baptized.
And the Spirit came on Him
and revealed - His glory to all!

v: The world and those who dwell therein. *(Ps 24:1)*
In the Jordan's streams,
Christ today reveals
the blest Trinity.
The Father called out and said:
'This is My beloved Son,
in Him I am very pleased!'
And the Spirit came on Him
and revealed - His glory to all!

(Today the Third Hallowing is appointed to be used.)

D'hil-At: Awesome Are You *(Thuyai...)*

Awesome in Your holy place
are You, God, forevermore. *(Ps 68:35)*
Bles-sed be the great glory
of the Lord from His dwelling. *(Ezech. 3:2)(Repeat)*

From Jacob a star arose.
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!
From Israel, a Leader came.
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Awesome in Your holy place...*(Repeat)*

Countless thousands are standing
in His presence, before Him;
myriads hallow His glory!
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Awesome in Your holy place...*(Repeat)*

A voice from the heavens said:
"This is My beloved Son,

and in Him I am well-pleased!"
Let us all remain in Him.

Awesome in Your holy place...*(Repeat)*

We serve His great majesty
as with our whole heart we sing:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lover of the human race!"

Awesome in Your holy place...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Mariam Btulta...Pulariprabhayil...)

We have all been sanctified
by water and the Spirit.
By Your Body and Your Blood,
we receive the Gift of life.
O Good One, You once formed us
from the lowly dust of earth.
Now renew our lost image
by water and the Spirit.

You create us all anew
by water and the Spirit.
Glorious is Your renewal!
Wondrous, Your Epiphany!
By Your Body and Your Blood,
You now feed us, Lord our God.
Our mouths are not capable
to give thanks to Your great Name!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: come, let us praise and worship the One who freed the human race and the whole world from evil. In His goodness, He gives us the heavenly Gift of His Body and Blood for the remission of our sins.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Jesus Christ, our Lord and God,
sanctified the waters' source
at His Baptism by John
in the Jordan River's streams **Amen.**

He made water's nature change:
now it brings deliverance
to those held as captives bound,
and remission of their debts. **Amen.**

It grants washing of rebirth,
forgiveness of all our sins,
adoption as sons of God,
and clothes with incorruption. **Amen.**

He sealed and anointed us
through His holy Baptism,
made us sharers in His life
and heirs of His blest Kingdom. **Amen.**

He revealed the Trinity
and betrothed His Bride, the Church.
Now we know our Father, God,
and are filled with His Spirit. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore. **Amen.**

FIRST FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MAR JOHN THE BAPTIST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 19, **20**, 21

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 37:32-33)*

The wicked await the just
and seek to put him to death;
but the Lord does not leave him
in the hands of evil ones

.D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 49:1)
Come now and hear / and listen well, / all of you peo - - -ple!/
John lived in poverty and austerity from youth. /
He gave the people a baptism of repentance /
to prepare the way for Christ the Lord, the Lamb of God, who takes the world's sin away./

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit./
We adore Christ our King who saved us by His Cross. /
By His death, He destroyed death which had slain our nature./
He promised us joy in Jerusalem above where the just receive their crowns.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Is 35:3-10 + 40:1-8 **(2)** Acts 13:13-33

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 37:30)
When a man is just,
his mouth only speaks
words of God's wisdom.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
John the Baptist's memory.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

The tongue of the just
will utter always
what is right and true.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Eph 2:19 - 3:21

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...)*
(Ps 118:161-162, 164)

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Princes persecute me freely, * but my heart respects Your word, Lord.
I rejoice at Your promises, * as one who has found rich treasure.
I despise and hate all evil, * but for Your law I have great love.
Seven times a day I praise You * for Your judgments, O my just Lord!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mk 6:14-19

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Compassionate God, who governs all things with tender mercy, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You endowed John the Baptist with the spirit and power of Elijah. May we experience the joy that came to him when he said of You to his disciples, 'He must increase, and I must decrease', we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: In John, You enkindled a lamp in the world that it might give light before You who are the Light of the Nations. Renew Your Churches that they may radiate before all people the resplendent light of Your Gospel, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You adorned John with very diverse charisms, making him a prophet, an apostle and a martyr to proclaim Your Kingdom. Make us all turn to You with faith, to do Your will in obedience to the truth, that we may experience Your grace and compassion, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You strengthened John to witness to Your Kingdom by suffering injustice and death at the hands of a lawless ruler. Strengthen all those who work for the release of prisoners of conscience and for their fair and early trial, and for the abolition of torture and the death penalty from this world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, at the prayers of Your herald and Forerunner John who baptized You, grant that we may be cleansed from all stains of sin and bear abundant fruits of repentance continuously in our lives as we bear witness to You, with love for You and one another, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Come, behold the works of the Lord! *(Ps 46:8)*
The Forerunner saw
the great Lord of all
bowing down His head
to be baptized at his hands.
John was moved and cried aloud:
Unworthy am I, my Lord,
to approach and baptize You."
Our Saviour, - glory be to You!

v: Come and hear, and I will declare to you. *(Ps 66:16)*
Christ encouraged John:
"You must now accept
without a dispute.
It is right that it be done,
and I wish it done by you.
Baptize Me as I have asked
to fulfill My Father's plan."
Our Saviour, - glory be to You!

v: There was a man, sent from God, whose name was John.*(John 1:6)*
Come and see, faithful:
wonder at this day:

awesome mystery!
In the Jordan is baptized
God's own Son who has no sin.
The Baptist holds back and says:
"Lord, I beg You, baptize me!"
Our Saviour, - glory be to You!

v: He was not the light, but a witness to the Light. *(John 1:8)*
John the Baptist said:
"Dust cleans no water!
Lamps light not the sun!
Since You will to bow to me,
I dare to extend my hand
over You, as You command,
for salvation of mankind."
Our Saviour, - glory be to You!

(Today the Third Hallowing is appointed to be used.)

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Mariam Btulta...Pulariprabhayil...)

Give thanks in all tongues, O Church,
on this feast of the glorious
priest and prophet, holy John,
sent before Christ's great Coming.
He prepared the way for Him,
preaching about conversion,
and at Jordan baptizing
for remission of all sins.

They cut off his head, gave it
to the child of Herodias,
who danced lewdly for the guests
and received it as reward.
Behold, now his memory
is kept with solemnity
in all parts of this our world
with songs and voices of praise.

By Your Body and Your Blood,
You now feed us, Lord our God.

Our mouths are not capable
to give thanks to Your great Name!
O great High Priest, Jesus Christ,
You fulfilled Your priesthood in
sacrifice of Your own Blood
and gained pardon for our sins.

And bles-sed are you also,
John, son of the barren one:
you were counted worthy to
baptize Christ, the Lord of all.
All the just shall find in Him
arms and strength from the Spirit
to withstand and overcome
the pow'r of the enemy.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: On this holy feast of John the Baptist, come, let us prepare ourselves spiritually, and praise Jesus, who in His love has granted the Church to receive His living Body and Blood, alleluia!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Lord, You said of Your herald
that of all born of women
there was no one greater than
John, Your bles-sed Forerunner. **Amen.**

He is great among prophets:
he alone was found worthy
to baptize in Jordan's streams
You whom others but announced. **Amen.**

His birth saved his mother from
the shame of her barrenness,
restored speech to his father
and foretold Your coming, Lord. **Amen.**

He fought for the sake of truth,
died a martyr serving God,

then proclaimed to those in Sheol
Your coming in human flesh. **Amen.**

Lord, be gracious unto us
who recall the call of John.
Through his prayers forgive our sins
that we enter Your Kingdom. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by You
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore. **Amen.**

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed are You, Jesus Christ,
who received a Baptism
in the River Jordan's streams
and brought joy to all the world!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 30:1)
I will sing praise / to You, O Lord, / for You have freed - - - me!/
Your Epiphany freed us from sin's tyranny /
and gave light to the world which praises Your saving work. /
We all bless and praise Christ who, by His Baptism, saved the human race from the curse. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit./
The heav'nly Cross which Constantine saw led him in war. /
Before it, the idolaters' forces were routed, /
and they rejected their errors and worshipped and venerated the holy Cross. /

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Ex 3:1-15 **(2)** Is 44:21 - 45:4

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 48:8)

Just as we have heard,
so have we now seen
in our God's city.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Epiphany of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: 2 Tim 3:1-15

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 93:1-2)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Lord reigns, robed in great splendour * The Lord put on strength and power.
He established the world also * that it cannot ever be moved.
Your throne has stood firm from of old; * Lord, You are from everlasting.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Lk 4:14-30

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are rich in mercy and plentiful in goodness, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: O Christ, the Spirit that proceeds from Your Father and rests on You anoints You as His Beloved Son. That same Spirit rests upon each of us, making us Christians. May we always live in such a way that we manifest that we are truly children of God and Temples of the Spirit, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus Christ, the Spirit that rested upon You in the Jordan now rests upon all Your Churches and Your faithful. May they also bring joy and relief to the poor, work for the liberty of those in captivity and give a sense of meaning and direction to the lives of those who walk blind without values, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Our Saviour, moved by the Spirit, You sought to fulfill the will of Your Father in all things as expressed in the prophecies. May Your Churches continually strive to fulfill the Word revealed in Scripture, thus revealing You to the world, without fear of persecution, rejection or opposition, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You manifested Yourself to the world by showing that You were the fulfillment of the Scriptures. May Your Churches continue to proclaim and teach You to the world as the fulfillment of all human hopes and of the writings and yearnings of all religions, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: May our hearts never be hardened to Your word proclaimed to us as we gather as Your Church. May our ears grow more accustomed to the words that we hear You are speaking to our hearts, calling us to deeper repentance and more effective witnessing, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, You preached the truth of Your life-giving Good News not to change the minds of people, but to transform their hearts and lives in the wondrous Light and Life and Your Kingdom which You made manifest. Continue to work through the ministry of Your Churches today, that the Good News for the poor, liberation for those in captivity, orienting light for those blinded by ignorance and darkness, and the lifting of all oppression may become a reality that is experienced rather than ideas to be discussed, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)

v: The Lord reigns; He is clothed with majesty. *(Ps 93:1)*

Renewed by water
and the Spirit's pow'r,
faithful, come put on
incorruptibility.
From the time our Saviour was
baptized in the Jordan's streams,
the nature of water has
been filled with - God's own holiness!

v: Children who should be born and arise. *(Ps 78:6)*

Water no longer
shall destroy by flood
all created things.
In the Jordan, Christ appeared
and forgave our transgressions.
Sinners will not be submerged
by the flood, but in a font,
and baptized, - be by water saved!

v: Put on the whole armour of God. *(Eph 6:11)*

Renewed by water,
and the Spirit's pow'r,
faithful, come put on
incorruptibility,
and cry out with all your heart:
You have filled our souls, O Christ,
with a share in Your own life.
O Saviour, - glory be to You!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

A shoot budded and sprang forth
from the root stock of Jesse;
and from it a flower bloomed:
let us all remain with Him!

We serve His great Majesty
as with our whole heart we sing:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Lover of the human race!"

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: come, let us praise and worship the One who freed the human race and the whole world from evil. In His goodness, He gives us the heavenly Gift of His Body and Blood for the remission of our sins.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Christ, Your Father sent You forth,
anointed with the Spirit,
to bring light, freedom and life
to all people here on earth. **Amen.**

You proclaimed the beginning
of the acceptable year,
when all things would be renewed,
restored and made one in You. **Amen.**

May we hear You in Your Word
as You teach our family,
each time we assemble here
as Your Church for Qurbana. **Amen.**

Through Your Word, may Your Spirit
rest also upon us all
that we too can be sent forth
to bring healing to the world. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here,
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be sealed by You
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

SECOND FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
HOLY APOSTLES PETER AND PAUL

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 33, 34

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 34:22)*

> *God the Lord redeems the lives*
> *of His faithful servants here;*
> *none of those who trust in Him*
> *ever fear to be condemned.*

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 65:5; 49:1)
Let those declare / who were redeemed / by the Lord our - - - God. /
Blest are you, Rome, royal servant city of heav'n's King. /
In you are the chief Apostles, the Preachers of the Truth. /
Upon Peter's firm confession, our Saviour established His faithful Church. /

Come now and hear / and listen well, / all of you peo - - -ple!/
Blest Rome, you are the harbour of the chief Apostles. /
Paul is the chosen architect of Christ's Churches. /
We all take refuge in their prayers that our souls be given mercy and pity. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit./
How right it is to give praise in this holy house. /
Here are prophets, apostles, martyrs, priests and doctors. /
Here stands the holy Table for the justification of Adam's children. /

From ages past / for evermore / and ever. A - - - men!
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** 2 Kgs 4:8-37 **(2)** Acts 9:32-42

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 117:15)

Hear the joyful shouts,
cries of victory
in the just ones' tents.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Apostles' memory.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

The Lord's strong right hand
has done valiantly
and has struck with pow'r.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: 2 Cor 10:1-7 + 11:21-33

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 33:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Exult, O you just, in the Lord; * praise from the upright is fitting!
Give thanks to the Lord on the harp, * with the ten-stringed lyre chant His praise.
Sing unto the Lord a new song; * pluck the strings with shouts of gladness.

For the word of the Lord is right; * and all His works are done in truth!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 16:13-20 + Jn 21:15-19

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are by nature good, and from You all good things come; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: By Your holy Apostles Peter and Paul, You have guided the nations who were groping in the dark so as to bring them to the light of knowledge of You. Lead us all to the full light of Your Gospel, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You willed that Your work of salvation, entrusted to Your holy Apostles Peter and Paul, should be carried out by Your Churches. By Your Holy Spirit, constantly prompt them to guide the world into all the truth, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: As we celebrate this season in which You were made manifest and revealed Yourself, help us to see You present in all the work and teaching of the bishops, the successors to

Your Apostles, both individually and in their various councils, conferences and synods, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, You have chosen the Chief Apostles, Peter and Paul, to be the pillars within Your Church, of which You Yourself are the Cornerstone. May we willingly become living stones with which You can continue to build Your Church in the world today upon that foundation laid down by Your holy Apostles, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: I will extol You, O my Lord and my King. *(Ps 144:1)*

Christ, You invited
those who worship You
to the joyful feast
of Your friends and Apostles:
Peter, Head of the Twelve, and
Paul, Your chosen instrument.
Make us worthy, Lord, with them
to praise You; - glory be to You!

v: His faithful ones are gathered before Him. *(Ps 50:5)*

The hosts of heaven
and all those on earth

celebrate today,
praising Your two great preachers;
and with love they ask Your peace
for the Church, kept free from strife.
Make us worthy with Your saints
to praise You, - Lord, in Your Kingdom!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Blest is He who built His Church
on the solid rock of faith,
and has placed within its walls
His Apostles and prophets
and great doctors of the faith,
who explain and teach the Truth.

Simon has been made the head
of the Twelve blest Apostles,
for his Lord commanded him:
feed My sheep, care for My lambs;
as a shepherd protect them;
keep them from the evil one.

Our Lord called from heaven's heights
to His chosen vessel, Paul
and entrusted His mission:
Go forth to all the nations;
preach and teach them in the Name
of the bles-sed Trinity!

Rome says that the Church has been
well established forever
on the apostolic Faith,
and shall not be overcome
neither by earthly rulers
nor by any hostile powers.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: the Church invites you on this feast day of the Apostles Peter and Paul to approach the table of the Lord and partake of the Holy Gifts given by the Son of the living God.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Through His holy Apostles,
Christ revealed His Mystery,
shed His light upon the world
and led us into the truth. **Amen.**

Peter is the Rock of Faith,
Paul, the Teacher of the world.
May they intercede from Rome
for our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

May these two chief Apostles
guide and guard the Churches still
to confess and live their faith
unshaken till our last breath. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore. **Amen.**

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, **97**, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed are You, Jesus Christ,
who received a Baptism
in the River Jordan's streams
and brought joy to all the world!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 48:1)
Great is our Lord / and worthy of / all the highest - - - praise./

The Apostle speaks of a divine Myst'ry from heav'n: /
God assumed the body of our humanity. /
He united it to His Person and made us worthy of eternal life. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit./
Christ, You made peace between heav'n and earth by Your Blood. /
Grant peace to priests and rulers, and confirm Your Church. /
May the Cross, the sign of faith, reign through all the world by Your grace, merciful Lord. /

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Num 10:29 - 11:10 **(2)** Is 45:11-17

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 25:1-2)

I lift up my soul
unto You, O Lord.
God, I trust in You!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Epiphany of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Let me not be shamed,
nor my enemies
triumph over me.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Truly, none of those
who have trust in You
ever shall be shamed.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.

Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Heb 3:1 - 4:7

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 29:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Offer the Lord lambs and yearlings. * Give to God glory and honour!
Glorify the Name of the Lord; * worship God in His holy place.
The Lord's voice sounds over waters; * the God of great glory thunders!
The Lord over the vast waters * His voice full of strength and glory!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Jn 1:1-28

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are glorified in heaven and worshipped on earth; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Our Saviour, Your Forerunner John bore witness to You and prepared the people to receive You. May Your Churches

always point out and proclaim Your presence in the world, and call everyone and all things into a communion of life and love with You, Your Father and Your Spirit, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus, the Forerunner recognized that he was called to be Your servant and herald, and he drew the attention of the crowd away from himself to You. May Your Churches always work with humility, not for their own glory, but in order that Your Father be known as the one true God, and that You be recognized as the One He has sent with the fullness of grace and truth, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: That Your light may dispel the darkness of sin, ignorance, suffering and death in the world; and that we may all be bearers of that light which we received at our Baptism into You, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: That we may always recognize, welcome and accept You as You come to us and are made manifest in so many ways in our daily life, and thus be continually reborn as children of God, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, may Your Churches always be Epiphanies of Your glorious Presence in the world and bright manifestations of Light reflecting Your Kingdom to which all people are called. Receiving grace upon grace from Your fulness, may they reveal You to people today, so that all may come to share in the glory of Your Father as adopted sons and daughters through Baptism, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: For with You is the fount of life. *(Ps 36:9)*

Christ, by Your Baptism,
You prepared for us
a fount of all good,
and a peaceful, safe harbour.
And from vain idolatry
and error which leads astray,
You have brought us back to You.
O Good One, - we sing praise to You!

v: You shall let them drink from the stream of Your delight. *(Ps 36:8)*

You have given us
a perfect knowledge
of the Trinity:
Father, Son and Spirit blest,
who are one Divinity!
We share life with Them through You.
Therefore, in our psalms and hymns,
O Good One, - we sing praise to You!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

O John, you were serving in
the outer sanctuary,
but you were counted worthy
of the Holy of Holies -

others could not enter there!
Blest are You who baptized Christ!

Thus we glorify our God
as we sing with our whole heart:
"Alleluia! Praise to You!"
With the Cherubs and Seraphs,
we praise God continually:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: let us all receive the Body of Christ and His precious Blood for the remission of sins.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Christ is the true Image of
the invisible, blest God.
In and through Him, all exists.
He reveals the Father's face. **Amen.**

He, as Word, assumed our flesh
and was born as perfect man.
As He dwelt with us, He showed
what our nature really is. **Amen.**

Christ is the true Light and Life.
All things come to be in Him.
May His Life destroy all death,
and His Light dispel darkness. **Amen.**

He is the true Word of God
who speaks always to the world.
May we hear and heed His Word,
make it flesh in our own lives. **Amen.**

From His fulness, we receive
grace on grace, truth and full life.
As we know the Father now,
may we make Him known to all. **Amen.**

Christ called us as witnesses
to proclaim His salvation,
to call all to His Father,
to share in His salvation. **Amen.**

May He bless our gathering
and preserve His people here,
bring to glory those who shared
His life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be sealed by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

THIRD FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
HOLY EVANGELISTS

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 33, **34**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 5:11-12)*

Let all those who love Your Name
be strengthened by You, O Lord.
For You give Your blessing, Lord,
unto those who are righteous.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 113:8)
And she shall be / the glad mother / of many chil - - - dren. /
Holy Church exults in the feast of the Apostles, /
for they stand like pillars in her to teach her children. /
Their teaching and true Faith shine forth in ev'ry age, and they were never overcome./

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit./
Blest Evangelists, ask the Lord for peace in the world, /

an end to war and conflict, concord among clergy, /
good will among governments and great peace and harmony throughout creation. /

From ages past / for evermore / and ever. A - - - men!
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** 1 Kgs 18:30-39 **(2)** Acts 5:12-32

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 105:3-4)

Let the hearts of those
who seek for the Lord
be glad and rejoice!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Evangelists' mem'ry.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Seek after the Lord
and you shall find strength.
Serve Him constantly.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: 1 Cor 1:9-16 + 2 Cor 1:8-14

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Evangelists, friends of Christ * all preached Jesus, our blest Saviour.
Like a plow they carried the Cross * and plowed land made barren by sin.
They prepared it for the true Faith * and planted there the Word of Life.
We all praise and venerate them * as Evangelists, friends of Christ.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 9:35 - 10:15

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are by nature immortal and dwell in resplendent Light; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus, as we celebrate this season in which You were made manifest and revealed Yourself, help us to see You present in Your Gospel as it is proclaimed and taught by Your Churches. May our lives also be so transformed in You that we each become a living proclamation of the Gospel to those around us, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Matthew revealed You as the Teacher of Israel, the fulfillment of the prophecies, the new Moses giving a new

Law and covenant, and forming a new people of God. May we continually gather as Your Church, recognize You in our midst, live the spirit of Your beatitudes and thus proclaim You to the world, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Mark revealed You as the Suffering Servant and showed that we must follow You in a personal relationship that leads to the mystery of the Cross. May we never fail to take up our Cross that leads to life, and thus witness to You before the world, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Luke revealed You as the Lord and Saviour of all peoples and nations, the compassionate and loving God who gently calls all to repentance. May we extend Your forgiveness to others, reflect Your mercy and recognize You present in all peoples and religions, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You allowed Your holy Apostle and Evangelist John the Beloved, to rest his head on Your chest at the Mystical Supper, and he drew from Your heart the depths of his divine knowledge. May we recognize You as the Word of Life, filled with grace and truth, the Image and glory of the Father, that we may have fellowship with You and live Your teaching of love, we implore You.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, as You inspired Your holy Evangelists to write down in words of fire and light their accounts of Your Good News, so also today inspire all Your Churches, that they may be living, convincing, welcoming and life-giving witnesses to Your Good News, that all may come into that communion of love and life with You which is the beginning of Your Kingdom, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Bless the Lord, O you His messengers. *(Ps 103:20)*

Blest Evangelists,
you were zealous to
imitate angels:
evil spirit foes fought you;
you triumphed by your virtue.
Therefore with great joy we keep
this feast in your memory.
Seek mercy - for the souls of all!

v: Rejoice in the Lord, O you just! *(Ps 33:1)*
Blest Evangelists,....*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Those who were victorious
fixed their gaze upon that place
which is filled with God's bright Light.
They were granted to enter
and now they all contemplate
that ineffable, blest Bliss.

According to His Gospel,
Christ prepared this Bliss for those
who respond to His great love
and suffer persecution,
and endure all afflictions,
bearing these things for His sake.

The enemy of our race,
the evil one rejoices
in the blood of men poured out.
But when he in fear beheld
the blood shed by the just ones,
he lamented then instead.

He said: Where can I flee from
Jesus and His disciples?
For His Name can expel me,
and Matthew, Mark, Luke and John
His chosen evangelists,
hunt me down to cast me out!

(If this celebration is combined with that of Peter and Paul from the preceding Friday, the following is added:

Peter cast him out of Rome;
John, belov'd Son of Thunder,
foiled his plots at Ephesus;
Luke uprooted his cursed weeds
and his temples from Egypt;
Matthew cast him from Judah.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: as we celebrate the memory of the holy evangelists, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, let us approach and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, the living Word of God.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

From the tax collector's booth,
You called Matthew, and he came.
He preached You as Messiah,
founding God's new Israel. **Amen.**

Mark worked close at Peter's side
and proclaimed what he had taught.
He preached true discipleship
and the way that leads to life. **Amen.**

You called Luke the Physician
to bring healing to the world
by proclaiming the Good News
of You, Medicine of Life. **Amen.**

Your beloved friend, Mar John,
knew You best in Your great love.
His voice thunders You, the "Word"
and reveals Your Mysteries. **Amen.**

As we celebrate with love
Your four great Evangelists,
may Your Churches strive to be
living Gospels to the world. **Amen.**

May we all be sealed by You
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, **98**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed are You, Jesus Christ,
who received a Baptism
in the River Jordan's streams
and brought joy to all the world!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 55:19)
From all ages, / You are, O God, / Eternal - - - One!/
At the Epiphany of Christ, heav'n and earth learned /
by God's will, the Myst'ry hidden from all ages. /
Men and angels began to proclaim Your holy Majesty, O Trinity!

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit./
Christ, You made peace between heav'n and earth by Your Blood. /
Grant peace to priests and rulers, and confirm Your Church. /
May the Cross, the sign of faith, reign through all the world by Your grace, merciful Lord. /

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Num 11:11-20 **(2)** Is 45:18 - 46:4

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Deut 32:40-43)

I lift up My hand
and swear by My life:
My sword shall be sharp!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Epiphany of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

My hand holds judgment.
I repay My foes,
end My enemies!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Therefore render praise
unto His people,
O all you nations!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Heb 3:14 - 4:10

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 19:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
The heavens proclaim God's glory, * and the sky shows forth all His work.
Day pours out the word unto day, * and night to night imparts knowledge.
There is not a word nor language * in which their voice cannot be heard.
Their good news goes out through the earth; * and their words to the world's far ends.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Jn 1:29-42

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: As You called Your first disciples, may all Christians realize that they have been personally called by You, and that each one has an important vocation within the Church and the world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You first called Andrew, who then brought his brother, Simon Peter, to You. May all of us bring others to know, experience and love You by the example of our lives, words and deeds, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: John, Your Forerunner, pointed You out as the true Lamb of God. May Your Churches fearlessly point You out as the One for whom all people, nations and religions yearn and long for in the depths of their being, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: As the Spirit helped John to recognize You at Your Baptism, may the Holy Spirit help all Your Churches to recognize Your presence and activity in the world in the many movements and aspirations for peace, social justice, human development and harmony, and thus collaborate effectively and efficiently, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, in Your love and mercy You called others to share in Your ministry of preaching repentance and the Kingdom. You revealed the truth, not by teaching them theories, doctrines and arguments, but by inviting them to a living and loving communion with You who are the Way, the Truth and the Life. This changed them completely into transformed and living witnesses. Help Your faithful today to draw life and light from communion with You, that they may

give a satisfying response to what the world truly seeks and longs for in the modern world, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Great is our Lord and highly to be praised! *(Ps 144:3)*
Great and wonderful
was the Mystery
which Isaiah saw
on the holy altar there:
countless Seraphim cried out:
Holy, holy, holy God,
Lord, Your glory fills the earth,
and heaven - shines with Your splendour!

v: His greatness cannot be measured. *(Ps 144:3)*
Great and wonderful...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

With the countless cherubim
and the myriad seraphim,
come, let us together sing:
"Holy, holy, holy One!"

Our mouths are not capable
of praising You worthily
for the heav'nly Gift You give.
Thus, with angels, we sing praise!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: praise the Lord in His sanctuary! Praise Him in the firmament of His strength. Come and share the spiritual banquet of eternal Life.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*
You were baptized at the hand
of one made by Your own hand.

You were not cleansed by water,
but cleansed water at its source. **Amen.**

The Fire of Divinity
touched the water, source of life;
now it gives new light and life
to those who meet You in it. **Amen.**

Christ, You call us to follow
as disciples at Your side,
to behold what You reveal,
then proclaim it to the world. **Amen.**

Christ, You are the Lamb of God,
offered for our salvation,
led in silence to slaughter,
suff'ring to take sin away. **Amen.**

Christ, the true Passover Lamb,
Your blood drives all death away
and restores the communion
of all things with Your Father. **Amen.**

Christ, the Lamb of Victory,
You destroy the world's evil
and renew all creation
which sings hymns of praise to You. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here,
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be sealed by You
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

FOURTH FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
MAR STEPHEN

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 19, 20, **21**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 58:11-12)*

The just shall rejoice to see
from God comes vindication
and men then shall clearly say:
"For the just, there is reward!"

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 89:27)
Also I shall / make him to be / My chosen first - - - born. /
Stephen is the first martyr, slain by the Jews. /
He received his crown as he was being stoned to death. /
Looking up, he saw the glory of Christ; and comforted, he accepted death. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit./
May that grace which once protected young David from Saul, /
now through the Cross protect the Church and her children, /
make peace among clergy and governments, and crown those who suffer as martyrs.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** 1 Kgs 21:1-21
(2) Acts 6:8-15 + 7:51 - 8:2

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 37:30)

When a man is just,
his mouth only speaks
words of God's wisdom.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy

the first martyr's memory.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

The tongue of the just
will utter always
what is right and true.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: 2 Cor 3:18 - 4:18

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 56:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Have pity on me, O my God, * for men now trample upon me.
All the day long they attack me, * many are fighting against me.
I shall not fear during the day * for I have placed my trust in You.
In God I can trust without fear; * what can man then do against me?
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 11:20-30 + 23:29-39

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Compassionate God, who governs all things with tender mercy, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus Christ, by the valiant combat gloriously endured by Your deacon Stephen, You revealed to Your Churches the perfect imitation of Your Passion. Prompt all Your Churches to be true witnesses to Your Gospel, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You showed to Stephen, the first-martyr, the heavens opened and Yourself at the right hand of the Father. Reveal to Your disciples the deep mystery of Your life in us. Through his prayers, may our hearts be purified that we may see You with the eyes of faith, love You above all things and glorify You by the witness of our lives, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: O Christ, Your martyr Stephen was the first grape to be pressed by persecution. From his wine, may the Churches receive power to manifest Your presence. When You invite us to Your wedding feast, may his example give light to guide us to You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus Christ, as we celebrate this season in which You were made manifest and revealed Yourself, help us to see You present in the lives of all who are being persecuted because of their faith in You and in those who are bearing hardships and sufferings as they try to live out Your teachings, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, grant that at the prayers and intercessions of the protomartyr Mar Stephen, we may always practise that forgiveness which You taught in Your Gospel and which he demonstrated when he was being stoned to death. As his death was a witness to You, so may our lives be a constant and living witness to You who have chosen us as Your own flock, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: I will make him the first-born. *(Ps 89:27)*

O wondrous martyr,
holy Mar Stephen,
first-born of martyrs:
you were first to have been crowned
and called to the light-filled hall.
Intercede with Christ for us
that He grant peace to the world,
and bring us - to rejoice in Light.

v: Make your request of the Lord and pray before Him. *(Ps 37:7)*
O wondrous martyr,... *(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Wondrous martyr, you fought well
and defeated rav'nous wolves.

You joined battle and emerged
as a victor in triumph.
Men and angels now keep feast,
rejoicing with hymns of praise.

They took rocks and stoned Stephen,
first-born of all the martyrs.
He prayed for his murderers
as His Lord did on the Cross:
Hold not this sin against them,
for they know not what they do!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: at this commemoration of the holy martyr Stephen, first-born of the martyrs, come, let us prepare ourselves spiritually with good deeds and sing praise. Let us receive the Body of the Son of God and His living Blood, that we may find forgiveness of our sins. Alleluia!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Christ our God, You accepted
the weakness of our nature,
gave it strength against the foe;
Your death banished fear of death. **Amen.**

Thus Your martyrs feared not death,
but bore witness to Your life.
Stephen whose name means a crown
was the first to win the crown. **Amen.**

At the proto-deacon's prayer,
may Your Churches live the faith,
practise forgiveness like him
and bear witness to the world. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God:
this community and church,
this people as each deserves,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed are You, Jesus Christ,
who received a Baptism
in the River Jordan's streams
and brought joy to all the world!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 34:1)
I shall sing praise / unto my God / at every mo - - - ment.
Let us bless the merciful and compassionate God /
who sent and manifested His Beloved Son /
and brought about the salvation of our human nature and all creation.

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Num 11:23-35 **(2)** Is 46:5-13

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 89:8-11)

Who is strong like You?
You are faithful, Lord!
You rule the sea's might.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Epiphany of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

You humble the proud
as those that are slain;
You scatter Your foes.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Yours are heav'n and earth.
You founded the world
and all its fullness.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Heb 7:18-28

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 135:1-2, 5-6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
O thank the Lord for He is good, * for His mercy is eternal!
O give thanks to the God of gods, * for His mercy is eternal!
He made heaven in His wisdom, * for His mercy is eternal!
He spread the earth over waters, * for His mercy is eternal!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Jn 1:43 - 2:11

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are rich in mercy and plentiful in goodness; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus, You changed water into good wine for the people at Cana. Help our people and the needy millions all over the world to obtain adequate supplies of water that they may quench their thirst, and that food may be produced for all, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Christ, Your presence transforms the waters of human love and commitment into the wine of Your love and Your Kingdom. Manifest Your presence in the lives of all married people that their family life and love may witness to the love and communion of Your Trinity and the unity of Your Kingdom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: In Your holy Mysteries, You transform the elements of our earthly creation into manifestations of Your Kingdom and a means to share in Your divine life. May Your Churches continue to work at transforming this world more and more so as to reflect Your Kingdom, and help make earthly realities a means to communion with You and among all people, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Lord Jesus Christ, You are manifested as the Source of all life and all renewal in the creation. Plant Your word deeply within us and fill our hearts with wonder for Your love for us, that we may follow closely in Your footsteps, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, at the wedding feast at Cana and in the call of Nathaniel, Your presence revealed to people their deeper and truer needs, and satisfied them. You transformed their daily lives and circumstances into manifestations of the fullness of Your Kingdom. By our Baptism, You have shared our nature and made us partakers in Yours. Manifest Your transforming presence and power in all the realities of our lives today, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Holy and revered is His Name! *(Ps 111:9)*
When in water, Lord,
You once accepted
to receive baptism,
You then sanctified our souls
and gave a foreshadowing
of our own resurrection
from death to Your own new life.
You saved, Lord, - the whole human race!

v: You led us through fire and water. *(Ps 66:12)*
Standing there with John,
filled with great wonder,
were the angel hosts.

He who by holy Baptism
sanctified all the people,
accepted to be baptized
at His lowly servant's hands,
and has saved - the whole human race!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

This is the blest sacrifice
that effects our salvation.
Our Saviour gave it to us
to cleanse bodies from all stain
and our souls from hidden faults,
and to free our minds from doubts.

This is the blest sacrifice
that effects our salvation.
Let us all partake of it
with great love and harmony,
joined in sincere communion
as we sing: Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: behold the gift which freely brings pardon. Receive it, and be purified by it. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

In the Jordan, You betrothed
Your people to be Your Church,
clothed them with a robe of light
through Your holy Mysteries. **Amen.**

Your Church is Your Bride, O Lord,
prefigured at Cana's feast.
With the true wine of Your love,
she rejoices in Your life. **Amen.**

All Your Churches intercede
like Your Mother at Cana,

showing You the world's deep needs
that Your love bring remedy. **Amen.**

May Your faithful all rejoice
in Your bridal chamber's light
at the wedding feast above
You provide for us in love. **Amen.**

You were manifested, Lord,
at Cana in Your first sign.
You revealed what You would do
with our world's reality. **Amen.**

Jesus, true life-giving Vine,
You provide Your Blood for wine
and reveal Your presence, Lord
through Your sacramental signs. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here,
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be sealed by You
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

FIFTH FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
HOLY GREEK DOCTORS

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 33, 34

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 34:22)*

God the Lord redeems the lives
of His faithful servants here;
none of those who trust in Him
ever fear to be condemned.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 98:4)
Exult, be glad, / rejoice and sing, / give glory and - - - praise./
Exult, holy Church, because of your outstanding priests: /
three Temples of the Spirit, defenders of the Faith: /
Gregory; Basil, the Teacher of the Truth; and wise, tireless John, who suffered for Christ. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit. /
Wise stewards and rulers of the Church, provide for it. /
Share out equally the treasure of grace given you. /
Discern justly as stewards awaiting their Master's return and keeping His Law.

From ages past / for evermore / and ever. A - - - men!
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** 1 Sam 22:6-21
(2) Acts 22:27 - 23:16

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 37:39)

The most sure Saviour
of the righteous just
is the Lord our God.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Greek Doctors' memory.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

And He will help them
and be their refuge
in time of trouble.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: 2 Tim 2:8-19 + 4:1-8, 14-18

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 83:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Who is there like to You, O God? * Be not silent, and be not still!
See, Your foes raise up a tumult, * lift their heads against Your people!
They hatch their plots so craftily * they plan against Your chosen ones.
They said: Come, let us destroy them * that their nation be forgotten!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 4:23 - 5:19

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are by nature good, and from You all good things come; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus, as we celebrate this season in which You were made manifest and revealed Yourself, help us to see You present in the writings, teachings and examples of the great Ecumenical Teachers and Fathers of the Church, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The teaching of Your kingly priest, our father Basil the Great, has spread over the whole world which sees it as a sure guide to knowledge. He has made clear the nature of things. May he continue to guide and teach Your Churches, since he is a bright beacon of light and an initiate in Your Mysteries, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The sweet melody of the theological teaching of Gregory our father has overcome the noisy blast of erroneous orators. He fathomed the depths of the Spirit and was granted the gift of literary expression. May he continue to guide Your Churches in orthodoxy of faith and knowledge of Your Trinity, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The golden grace shining like a torch from the mouth of our father John Chrysostom has enlightened all the Churches. He spoke of the precious treasure of poverty and the glorious greatness of humility. May his words continue to guide the lives of Your faithful in true discipleship, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, You raised up within Your holy Churches men and women who were powerful witnesses to Your saving truth, and You inspired them to incarnate living Tradition in clear insights which help Your faithful even now to rejoice in the abundant life You offer. Enable us to hand on that mystery, the same from all eternity, in authentic ways which will touch the hearts, minds and lives of those around us as did the great ecumenical Teachers of the Faith, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Blessed are they whose way is blameless. *(Ps 118:1)*

Following the Twelve,
who renewed all things,
our holy Fathers:
Gregory, who smashed idols;
Basil, who explained Scripture;
and blest John who laboured long
for the Church with faith and love,
their mem'ry - is blest by us all!

v: Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. *(Ps 28:9)*

Christ, You once promised
those who do Your will:
"I will be with you
till the ending of the world!"
Be among us, as You said.
Grant Your mercy as our help.
Keep watch over this Your Church,
and guard us - under Your blest wings!

(The Third Hallowing is appointed to be used today.)

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Mariam Btulta...Pulariprabhayil...)

The athletes of Christ the King,
holy orthodox teachers,
Gregory, Basil and John
preached the truth unto us all:
The Word comes from the Father,
and is man, which comes from us.
He, the One, true, only Son
gave Himself up for our sake.

By His Coming, He brought life
and salvation to the world.
He entrusted to us all
His most holy, blest Body.
Therefore, we rejoice and praise,
sing to Him with angel choirs,
and the countless heav'nly hosts:
"Alleluia! Praise to You!"

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: as we celebrate the doctors who preached the truth by their words and enlightened the world, let us approach and receive the Body and Blood of Christ, who grants remission of sins. The angel gave the holy prophet Isaiah the burning Coal, and his sins were taken away. Receive the living Bread and the Blood as a spiritual drink.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

These three stars shed fire and light,
teaching truth with clarity,
warning of dark error's way,
and leading the Church aright. **Amen.**

The words of Mar Gregory
are a fiery wind to lift us up,
teaching us to know our God
in true faith with charity. **Amen.**

Basil's teachings come like salve
to make whole and heal error.
As his name means royalty,
he reveals our King and God. **Amen.**

John of golden mouth speaks well
of the Scriptures' deep meaning,
refreshing the barren heart
and explaining life in Christ. **Amen.**

At the prayers of these Fathers,
may Your Churches live the faith,
know the truth and live in love
and bear witness to the world. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God:
this community and church,
this people as each deserves,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, **97**, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed are You, Jesus Christ,
who received a Baptism
in the River Jordan's streams
and brought joy to all the world!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 72:19)
And bles-sed be / His glorious Name / throughout all a - - - ges. /
Blessed be the One who mercifully descended /
and has caused the salvation of our nature /

through the glorious manifestation of His wondrous coming in the flesh.

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Dt 18:9-21 **(2)** Is 48:12-20

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 76:1-2)

Our God is made known
in Judah, His land,
famed in Israel.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Epiphany of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

In Jerusalem
is His dwelling-place;
on Zion, His home.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Heb 6:9 - 7:3

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 98:5-9)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Sing out to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and sound of voices!
With the sound of trumpets give praise * before the King, the Lord of all!
Let the sea roar with all in it, * the world and those who dwell in it.
Let the rivers clap with their hands; * the mountains shout for joy with them.
Before the Lord, for He now comes; * for He comes to judge the whole earth!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Jn 3:1-21

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are glorified in heaven and worshipped on earth; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: At Your Baptism, You arose as a great Light from the streams of the Jordan, revealing the Trinity and setting the waters on fire with love so that they became the womb of the Church, bringing forth new children for Your Kingdom, born of water and the Spirit. Dispel the darkness of sin from this

world and enlighten the sorrowful who in darkness await Your teaching, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Your Father so loved the world that He sent You to us that we may not perish but might have a share in Your abundant divine life. By Your Baptism into us, and our Baptism into You, we have become Your brethren and beloved children of the Father, whose Spirit rests upon us. May we always walk faithfully in that new light and life, we implore You.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: At Your Baptism in the Jordan, the heavens which had been closed by our sins were torn open, and the light and love of God streamed down in the Spirit to rest upon You and all who are baptized into You. May we always follow the guidance of that Spirit, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Nicodemos came to You in the darkness of night but was enlightened by You, the true Light. May we never prefer to walk in darkness, but rather come into Your own pure, glorious Light that we may bear witness to the new life, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, You welcomed Nicodemos who came seeking the truth in a confused, hesitating and

questioning manner. In speaking with him, You gently revealed the light of Your truth. Guide Your Churches, that they may seek not so much to dominate and proselytize, but to reach out in loving dialogue with all people, whom You have created in Your image and likeness, and whose deepest yearning is for Your Kingdom. May Your faithful always offer the light of more abundant life and fulfilling truth, rather than the burning heat of condemnation or self-righteous separatism. Let Your Churches be authentic Epiphanies of Your presence, O Lord of all, forever.

R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)

v: Sing to the Lord a new song. *(Ps 98:1)*

All creation saw
a great new wonder
in the Jordan's streams:
in a new, wondrous baptism,
they saw heaven opened wide,
John the Baptist trembling there,
and the living Lamb baptized!
O wonder - for all things to see!

v: The world and all who dwell in it. *(Ps 98:7)*

And they also saw
the Holy Spirit,
coming from heaven.
He descended and rested
on the head of Jesus Christ.
Then the Father's voice confirmed:
This is My belov-ed Son,
and in Him, - I am very pleased!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

People, sing praise to the One
who came down from heav'n above
and in His goodness and love
has prepared within His Church

the Table of the Kingdom,
bearing life and all delight.

The King's Son has given us
His adorable Body
and His holy, precious Blood,
the chalice of salvation.
Let us all partake of it
and be granted forgiveness.

Great King David was longing
for this Banquet long ago.
Daily he would sing the psalm:
"All her glory is within
for the Daughter of the King;
she is robed in purest gold."

The prophets through mystic signs
manifested to us all
the beauty of this Banquet.
Now its deep reality
is within you, holy Church,
and is now distributed.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: who has ever seen someone prepare a banquet for His beloved Son, then sacrifice His own Son to nourish the guests? Behold a new wonder, never seen before! At the wedding banquet, the Bridegroom distributes His own living Body. With the Cherubim and Seraphim, we cry aloud: Alleluia!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer ***(Thuyai...)***

Your Father so loved the world
that He gave His only Son,
that those who believe in You
receive life and never die. **Amen.**

As a man, You were baptized
though You needed no cleansing,
making holy water's flow
and providing us new birth. **Amen.**

You were baptized so that we
may know Your blest Trinity
and be sealed into Your life
thus become beloved sons. **Amen.**

You were manifested, Lord,
in the waters as our God,
giving light and salvation
to all those who turn to You. **Amen.**

Nicodemos came at night,
seeking truth and light from You.
May our hearts and minds receive
Your words and conform to them. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here,
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May You mark us all O Christ
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore. **Amen.**

MONDAY OF THE ROGATION OF THE NINIVITES

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 102, 103

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon (Thuyai...)

OR:

compassionate Lord God,/ hear our prayers and our hear our prayers and our requests / and have mercy on our faults,/ O unchanging Holy One!

Come to help us, O our Lord,/ the God of our salvation./ Grant forgiveness of our sins / for the glory of Your Name!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 80:1; 28:9)
O Shepherd of / Your Israel, / listen and give - - - ear. /
Good Shepherd of our souls, Helper and Saviour of all, /
lead us by Your will and accept the fruits of our lips. /
We offer this with praise to You and ask for mercy from Your rich treasury. /

And shepherd them, / and care for them / for ever and e - - - ver. /
You are clement from of old and ever merciful. /
What creature's sin can compare with Your deep loving grace? /
Sprinkle the dew of Your mercy on us and free us from the hand of the wicked. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: **Readings**: (1) **Is 63:17 - 64:12** (2) **Hab 3:1-19**

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 86:15-17)

Lord God, You are kind,
merciful and good,
patient and faithful.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the fasting that leads to health.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Turn to me in love
and grant me Your strength:
save Your handmaid's son.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Show me Your goodness
that my foes be shamed,
for You help me, Lord.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: **Epistle**: **1 Tim 2:1 - 3:7**

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 1:1-2)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest the one who walks not in the * way of sinners and the wicked,
nor considers evil counsel, * nor sits with the group of mockers.
Blest the one who finds his delight * in the law of the Lord, our God,
and who meditates on His law * both through the day and in the night.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 18:23-35

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are by nature immortal and dwell in resplendent Light, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You heard the prayers of the Ninevites and saved their city from destruction. Hear the prayers of Your Churches, good Lord, and save them from all that threatens them, that they may rejoice and sing praise to You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Good One, we thank You for saving and healing Your people in the past when they turned to You with fasting, prayer and supplication. Help us to live lives of repentance and conversion that we may always experience Your saving presence and help, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: As we have come to know and experience Your mercy and forgiveness in our own lives, teach us to live in mutual harmony and extend that forgiveness to others who have offended us, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop,

Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, grant that we may empty ourselves of pride and self-centredness through fasting. Fill us with Yourself through our prayers and vigils. Through almsgiving, may we share what we have and what we are with others, for all good gifts come down from You, O Father of lights, and we glorify You, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: God is our refuge and strength. *(Ps 46:1)*

Now the time has come
for our salvation.
Let us trust in God.
We repent and turn to Him
that we may be saved from sin,
from the falls and trespasses
we committed in this world
and receive - forgiveness of sins!

v: He is a very present help in trouble. *(Ps 46:1)*
Now the time has come...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn ***((Thuyai...)***

All you people, sing your thanks
in the midst of holy Church
to the Son who grants us now
His Body and precious Blood....*(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: God, who is hidden and unseen by all, has revealed Himself, that He might give life to all. Come and partake of Him, hidden under these Mysteries.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer ***(Thuyai...)***

Lord our God, though unworthy,
You have counted us worthy
to stand in Your holy place
and to serve Your Qurbana. **Amen.**

Nothing good do we have, Lord,
to offer Your Majesty.
We present a humbled heart,
contrite spirit in Your sight. **Amen.**

You need nothing from us, Lord,
but because You are so good,
we seek pardon for our sins
and the grace of conversion. **Amen.**

We thank You, for in the past,
You saved and delivered us.
Look with love upon us still:
guide, protect and guard our lives. **Amen.**

As You have forgiven us
countless times for many things,
may we share Your forgiveness
with our brethren and all men. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God:
this community and house,
this people, as each deserves,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

TUESDAY OF THE ROGATION OF THE NINEVITES

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 102, 103

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon (Thuyai...)

OR:

compassionate Lord God,/
hear our prayers and our requests,/
and have mercy on our faults,/
O unchanging Holy One!

Come to help us, O our Lord,/
the God of our salvation /
Grant forgiveness of our sins/
for the glory of Your Name!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 65:2; 25:1)
O hear my prayer / for unto You / all shall surely - - - come. /
All shall come to You, O Lord, for You forgive sins. /
Come, mortals who are burdened and lay aside your debts. /
Take the Coal which purified the prophet and receive forgiveness from the altar. /

For unto You, / O Lord my God, / I lift up my - - - soul. /
Our Saviour, Christ, You are the King of kings and our Helper: /
in mercy, hear Your servants in their afflictions. /
Quickly turn Your face to us in love and save us, for misery surrounds us. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** 1 Sam 7:3-9 **(2)** Is 59:1-18

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 85:8-14)

Show us, Lord, Your love;
grant Your salvation.
shall heed the Lord:
for God's words are words of peace
to His people and His just,
that they may not turn away.
His salvation is most near
to all those - who rev'rence Him.

Let His glory dwell
all over our land.
Grace and truth shall meet.
Righteousness and peace shall kiss;
faithfulness springs from the earth.
Justice looks down from above;
God will give His benefits,
and the land - will bear fruit in Him.

Praise to the Father,
Son and Spirit blest:
holy Three in One.
both from all eternity,
and for evermore. Amen.
Justice shall go before Him
and our God shall establish
all His ways - upon the whole earth.

Engartha: **Epistle**: **Rom 12:1-21**

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 32:1-2,5)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest indeed is the one whose faults * have surely been forgiven him.
Blest the one the Lord has pardoned, * in whose spirit is found no guile.

I confessed my sin unto You * and my guilt I have not hidden.
I said: I confess my errors; * and You have forgiven my sins!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Lk 18:2-14

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You heard the prayers of the Ninevites and saved their city from destruction. Hear the prayers of Your Churches, good Lord, and save them from all that threatens them, that they may rejoice and sing praise to You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Good One, we thank You for saving Your people in the past when they turned to You with fasting, prayer and supplication. Help us to live lives of repentance and conversion that we may always experience Your saving presence and help, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You accepted the prayers of the repentant Publican. May we always come to You as he did, avoiding all the self-righteousness and self-centredness of the Pharisee, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, help us to see that true healing of our whole life and being comes from authentic repentance, a turning to You with heart, mind and body. Grant that we may use our health and strength in the service of others, O You who humbled Yourself and took the form of a servant so as to minister to all, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven. *(Ps 32:1)*

By fasting and prayer
and our penitence,
let us entreat Christ.
As the Lover of Mankind,
He receives all who repent!
In mercy and compassion
He obtains our salvation
and grants us - remission of sins!

v: Pour out your hearts before Him. *(Ps 62:9)*

By fasting and prayer... *(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn ***(Thuyai..)***

Glory to the great mercy
which sent You to us, O Christ,
who have entrusted to us
Your pure Body and Your Blood....*(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: let us be undefiled as we approach the Body and Blood which cleanses away all stain.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer ***(Thuyai...)***

Lord our God, though unworthy,
You have counted us worthy
to stand in Your holy place
and to serve Your Qurbana. **Amen.**

Nothing good do we have, Lord,
to offer Your Majesty.
We present a humbled heart,
contrite spirit in Your sight. **Amen.**

You need nothing from us, Lord,
but because You are so good,
we seek pardon for our sins
and the grace of conversion. **Amen.**

We thank You, for in the past,
You saved and delivered us.
Look with love upon us still:
guide, protect and guard our lives. **Amen.**

You turned not Your face away
from the humble Publican.
Hear us as to You we pray,
may we not be Pharisees. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God:
this community and house,
this people, as each deserves,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

WEDNESDAY OF THE ROGATION OF THE NINEVITES

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 102, 103

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon (Thuyai...)

O compassionate Lord God,/
hear our prayers and our requests/
and have mercy on our faults/
O unchanging Holy One!

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord/
the God of our salvation/
Grant forgiveness of our sins./
for the glory of Your Name!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 49:1; Mt 3:2)
Come now and hear / and listen well, / all of you peo - - -ple! /
Through the fast preached by Jonah, Niniveh was saved. /
Through fervent prayer, the angel of death was turned away. /
Let us repent in God's Temple and seek mercy to help us before darkness comes. /

And he has said: / Repent, people, / and be conver - - - ted! /
In the Gospel, the road to the Kingdom is narrow. /
But we are distracted by vain and useless things. /
Why should we be seeking passing wealth, when Niniveh was saved by fasting and prayer? /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Joel 2:15-27 **(2)** Jonah 3:1 - 4:11

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 28:6-9)

Bles-sed be the Lord,
for He heard my voice
lifted up in prayer.
The Lord is my Protector,
and my God is my Helper.
My heart placed its trust in Him
and my flesh exults with joy.
I praise Him - with a glorious song!

The Lord is the strength
of all His people
and the Protector
of His anointed's safety.
O Lord God, save Your people
and bless Your inheritance.
Be a Shepherd and guide them.
Care for them - for eternity!

Engartha: Epistle: **Rom 9:14 - 10:17**

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 84:6-8)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest is he whose strength You are, Lord. * His heart shall be set on Your ways.
He lives in the vale of sadness; * the Lawgiver sends His blessings.
They shall go from strength unto strength * our God shall be seen in Zion.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; * God of Jacob, lend me Your ear.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 6:1-18

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You heard the prayers of the Ninevites and saved their city from destruction. Hear the prayers of Your Churches, good Lord, and save them from all that threatens them, that they may rejoice and sing praise to You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Good One, we thank You for saving Your people in the past when they turned to You with fasting, prayer and supplication. Help us to live lives of repentance and conversion that we may always experience Your saving presence and help, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Teach us to repent in fact as well as in spirit by means of authentic fasting, sincere prayer and self-forgetful acts of charity and service, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop,

Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, grant that we may empty ourselves of pride and self-centredness through fasting. Fill us with Yourself through our prayers and vigils. Through almsgiving, may we share what we have and what we are with others, for all good gifts come down from You, O Father of lights, and we glorify You, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: God is our refuge and strength. *(Ps 46:1)*

A good, safe harbour
and a strong refuge
is the Church of Christ.
She accepts and rescues those
who have fallen into sin
and are drowning as at sea.
She can offer salvation
by the pow'r - of the holy Cross!

v: He brings them to their desired harbour. *(Ps 107:30)*
A good, safe harbour...*(Repeat)*

(The Third Hallowing is appointed to be used today.)

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Accept now the entreaties
which Your Church lifts up to You

for Your people, O our Lord.
You redeemed them by Your Cross
and they come to You seeking
remission of all their sins.

Increase Your help and Your grace
to our waiting assembly
which adores Your blest Godhead.
Son of God, be merciful
to Your suppliant people
who entreat Your great mercy.

O our Lord, accept our prayer
which we now present to You
with profound supplication.
May Your divine Presence come
and rest always upon them
that they thank You for Your Gift.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: by His Body and Blood, may the Lord make us, His people, worthy to be a dwelling-place of His glory. May His divine Presence rest upon us, that we may give thanks to Him for His Gift.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer ***(Thuyai...)***

Lord our God, though unworthy,
You have counted us worthy
to stand in Your holy place
and to serve Your Qurbana. **Amen.**

Nothing good do we have, Lord,
to offer Your Majesty.
We present a humbled heart,
contrite spirit in Your sight. **Amen.**

You need nothing from us, Lord,
but because You are so good,
we seek pardon for our sins
and the grace of conversion. **Amen.**

We thank You, for in the past,
You saved and delivered us.
Look with love upon us still:
guide, protect and guard our lives. **Amen.**

May we fast from vanities
and by prayer be filled with You,
then share selves and possessions
in true, loving almsgiving. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God:
this community and house,
this people, as each deserves,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

THURSDAY AFTER THE ROGATION OF THE NINEVITES

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 85, 86

[The **Qanona** is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]

Qanona: Antiphon (Thuyai...) (Ps 28:6-7)

Bles-sed always be the Lord
for He heard my entreaty.
The Lord has been my Helper,
and He is my Protector!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails:

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 25:16; 115:5)
Turn toward us / and look on us; / have mercy on - - - us! /
O Lord, spare us as You spared repentant Niniveh, /
and turn not Your face from our evil generation. /
If You close Your door before our sins, to whom can we go, O Lover of Mankind? /

But You, O Lord, / are merciful, / righteous and - - - just! /
You answered Jonah calling from the whale's belly /
and Ananaias from the furnace; and You saved them. /
All creatures call out to You with weeping: be merciful as You are wont to do. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: **Readings**: (**1**) Jer 17:21-27 (**2**) Is 65:17 - 66:2

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 40:8-11)

I will do Your will
for, my God, Your law
is within my heart.
I have preached Your righteousness
in the vast, great assembly;
and my lips I did not close
as You know well, O my Lord.
Your justice - my heart did not hide.

I have spoken of
Your great faithfulness
and Your salvation.
I hid not Your compassion
nor Your righteousness, O Lord,
from the vast, great assembly.
Keep not Your mercies from me.
Let Your truth - always preserve me.

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 10:1-13

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 51:1-3)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Have mercy upon me, O God, * according to Your great goodness;

according to Your compassion * wipe away all my offences.
Wash me more and more from my guilt, * and cleanse me from all of my sins.
For I admit my transgressions; * my sins are before me always!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Lk 15:4-32

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You heard the prayers of the Ninevites and saved their city from destruction. Hear the prayers of Your Churches, good Lord, and save them from all that threatens them, that they may rejoice and sing praise to You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Good One, we thank You for saving Your people in the past when they turned to You with fasting, prayer and supplication. Help us to live lives of repentance and conversion that we may always experience Your saving presence and help, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Whenever we wander from Your side, seek for us in Your love like the Good Shepherd and bring us back to Your Fatherly embrace, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, help us to see that true healing of our whole life and being comes from authentic repentance, a turning to You with heart, mind and body. Grant that we may use our health and strength in the service of others, O You who humbled Yourself and took the form of a servant so as to minister to all, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: You are a priest for ever. *(Ps 110:4)*

O Christ, great High Priest
of our holy Faith:
You who have become
intercessor for our race,

You became a sacrifice,
spotless, pleasing, for our sake.
In our nature, which You shared,
You suffered - for our salvation!

v: He will show mercy to His land and to His people. *(Dt 32:43)*
When the judgment seat
is prepared for You,
we ask You, O Christ:
grant forgiveness of our sins
for You know the weaknesses
and the passions of the state
of our nature which You shared.
You suffered - for our salvation!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)
Accept now the entreaties
which Your Church lifts up to You
for Your people, O our Lord.
You redeemed them by Your Cross
and they come to You seeking
remission of all their sins.

Increase Your help and Your grace
to our waiting assembly
which adores Your blest Godhead.
Son of God, be merciful
to Your suppliant people
who entreat Your great mercy.

O our Lord, accept our prayer
which we now present to You
with profound supplication.
May Your divine Presence come
and rest always upon them
that they thank You for Your Gift.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: by His Body and Blood, may the Lord make us, His people, worthy to be a dwelling-place of His glory. May His divine Presence rest upon us, that we may give thanks to Him for His Gift.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer ***(Thuyai...)***

Lord our God, though unworthy,
You have counted us worthy
to stand in Your holy place
and to serve Your Qurbana. **Amen.**

Nothing good do we have, Lord,
to offer Your Majesty.
We present a humbled heart,
contrite spirit in Your sight. **Amen.**

You need nothing from us, Lord,
but because You are so good,
we seek pardon for our sins
and the grace of conversion. **Amen.**

We thank You, for in the past,
You saved and delivered us.
Look with love upon us still:
guide, protect and guard our lives. **Amen.**

We have wandered from Your side,
squandered our inheritance.
We turn back in repentance;
Father, welcome us with love. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God:
this community and house,
this people, as each deserves,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

SIXTH FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
HOLY SYRIAC DOCTORS

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 33, **34**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon (Thuyai...) (Ps 105:3-4)

Let the hearts of those rejoice
who sincerely seek the Lord.
Seek the Lord for ever more
and receive Your strength from Him.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 113:8; 45:9)
And she shall be / a glad mother / of many chil - - - dren! /
The holy Church is glad in the feast of these priests, /
for they stand as her pillars to instruct her children. /
Their teaching and faith gives light to ev'ry age, for they bravely corrected even kings! /

The King's daughter / shall stand aright / in her great glo - - - ry./
Bless our community and make Your grace dwell in it. /
Give us below strength to praise You with those above /
that we may love each other, and like the angels, have but one mind to please You. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: **Readings**: **(1)** 2 Kgs 13:14-21 **(2)** Acts 12:25 - 13:12

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 144:9-10)

God is good to all
and compassionate
to all His creatures.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Syriac doctors' mem'ry.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Lord, may all Your works,
all that You have made,
give thanks unto You.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Heb 13:1-9, 16-21

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...)*
(Ps 131:9-10, 16-18)

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let Your priests be clothed with justice, * and Your faithful ones with glory!
For Your servant David's sake, Lord, * do not reject Your anointed.
With salvation, I clothe her priests * and her faithful with rejoicing.
A horn shall sprout forth for David, * and a lamp for My anointed.

Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 16:24 - 17:9

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: As we celebrate this season in which You were made manifest and revealed Yourself, help us to see You present in the writings, teachings and example of the great Doctors and Fathers of our own East Syriac Tradition and the great men and women who have developed and are developing our awareness of our Syro-Malabar identity, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You raised up our holy Fathers Addai, Mari, Ignatius the God-bearer, Jacob of Nisibis, Aprem, Augin, Aphraates, and Isaac of Niniveh, the great doctors of the Syriac Churches, like pillars to edify the whole building of perfection.

Through their work, may Your people understand Your ways with us, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: According to Your promise, You made streams of life-giving waters flow over the whole earth through the lives and writings of our holy Fathers, the teachers and doctors of the Syriac Churches. As they taught us by word and deed, make the waters of life flow to us from their hearts, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, You raised up in Your holy Churches pastoral men and women who were powerful witnesses to Your saving truth, and You inspired them to incarnate living Tradition in clear insights which aid Your faithful even now to rejoice in the abundant life You offer. May we be faithful to their vision and orientation, so as to live securely and convincingly in keeping with Your Gospel. Teach us to hand on that Mystery, the same from all eternity, in authentic ways within our own Tradition that will touch the hearts, minds and lives of those around us as did those great ecumenical Teachers of the Faith, O Lord of all, forever.

R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)

v: The Most High over all the earth. *(Ps 83:19)*

Holy, Mighty Lord,
You have surrounded
and with great glory
exalted Your blest altar.
And with honour You have crowned
all the faithful of Your Church.
Daily increase peace and love,
O our Lord, - among Your people!

v: You have surrounded him with glory and honour. *(Ps 8:5)*

Holy, Mighty Lord...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

God the Spirit opened wide
Wisdom's treasury fully
to the Doctors of the Church.
They received great wealth from it
and were able to explain
all the Mysteries of God.

From the treasures of their wealth,
they enriched and filled with good
the children of holy Church.
The Doctors fought the good fight
with Satan and his cohort.
They destroyed all divisions.

Overcoming all errors
and correcting partial truths,
they all preached about the Word
who in love assumed our flesh
and became the Christ, our Lord,
God and Man. Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: as we celebrate the memory of the Teachers of the Faith, let us enjoy the glorious Mysteries of the Body and Blood of the Son of God, who enabled us to sing praise to His great Name. Alleluia!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Christ our Lord raised up for us
in the East Syriac Churches,
Fathers, Teachers, Guides and Saints
to teach us the way to Him. **Amen.**

They are pillars in His Church,
showing Gospel perfection.
May His faithful be renewed
by their teachings and their prayers. **Amen.**

Keep us faithful to You, Lord,
in our own Church Tradition
which through them You gave to us
as a treasure for the world. **Amen.**

At the prayers of our Fathers,
may Your Churches live the faith,
know the truth and live in love
and bear witness to the world. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God:
this community and church,
this people as each deserves,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, **98**

*[The **Qanona** is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon ***(Thuyai...)***

Bles-sed are You, Jesus Christ,
who received a Baptism

in the River Jordan's streams
and brought joy to all the world!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 60:4; 111:5)
You have raised up / a banner for / all those who fear - - - You./
Great is the gift You gave mortals, O merciful Lord. /
By water, You clothed us with Your Holy Spirit. /
By bread, You fed us with Your Body; and with wine, sanctified us by Your Blood. /

He has given / sufficient food / for those who fear - - - Him. /
Great is the gift You gave mortals, O merciful Lord. /
You made us companions of the bodiless powers /
and You have also lifted us up from earth to heaven, O merciful Lord!

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross of Christ slew sin which had slain our nature. /
The watching crowds were amazed at the victory. /
Hanging on the wood of the Cross, Christ defeated Satan and corrupting death. /

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Deut 24:9-22 **(2)** Is 63:7-16

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 29:1-3)
Offer to the Lord
lambs and yearling sheep;
give glory and praise!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Epiphany of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Praise the Name of God
and adore the Lord
in His holy place!
With the hymns the Spirit..

The Lord's voice is heard
over the waters;
God's glory thunders!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Heb 8:1 - 9:11

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...)*
(Ps 117:21-22,24-26)

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
I will thank You for You heard me, * and You became my Salvation.
The stone rejected by builders * has become the chief cornerstone.
This is the day which the Lord made, * we rejoice and are glad in it.
O Lord, save us and redeem us. * Blest He who comes in the Lord's Name.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Jn 3:22 - 4:3

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Compassionate God, who governs all things with tender

mercy, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: When You were clothed with water at Your Baptism in the Jordan, You clothed the Church, Your Bride, in the royal robe of light. May Christians always be aware of their dignity and their responsibility as children of the Kingdom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When You stripped to enter the waters of the Jordan, You were robed with our broken humanity so that You could clothe our nakedness with the glorious garment of Your Divinity. May we bear the garment of our Baptism unstained, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The human race longed for the love of God as a bride for her groom. When You stood on the banks of the Jordan for Baptism, John pointed You out as the Bridegroom long desired. May Your Churches always proclaim and teach You as the ultimate fulfillment of all human longing, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: At the first creation, the Spirit hovered over the waters and material beings came forth. At Your Baptism in the Jordan, by His descent into them, He makes the waters capable of bringing forth spiritual beings, children of Your heavenly Father. Purify us continually by His descent, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, Your holy prophet and Forerunner drew people to himself that he might direct them through faith and repentance, to You, the true Bridegroom of the Church, who alone reveal the Father and bestow eternal life and bliss. May all Your Churches and all Your faithful ever rejoice in their vocation to be heralds, witnesses and servants to You and to the world, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: To You all flesh will come. *(Ps 65:2)*
Lord, all flesh will come
to You, for You grant
remission of sins.
Our bodies which sin defiled,
staining them with acts most vile
shall be cleansed and purified
by the hyssop of Your love.
We shall be - purified of sin!

v: To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. *(Ps 25:1)*
Come, all you people,
who bear a burden
which afflicts your souls.
Lay aside the weight of sin

and receive from this altar
the Coal which once cleansed the lips
of the prophet Isaiah.
You shall be - purified of sin!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Come, behold the Mystery:
the Table is now prepared,
filled with all God's good blessings.
The angels from heav'n above,
the priests in the holy place,
stand near it with reverence.

O mortals, who are burdened,
lay aside your weight of sin.
Come, draw near, receive and live.
Glorify Christ God, our Lord,
and rejoice, be glad in Him,
crying out: Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: come, let us give thanks to Jesus, our King, who comes in His love and redeems our race.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Lord, Your love exceeds all words
for You came to join our race.
You assumed our whole nature,
like us in all things but sin. **Amen.**

You were baptized so that we
may know Your blest Trinity
and be sealed into Your life
thus become beloved sons. **Amen.**

You were manifested, Lord,
in the waters as our God,
giving light and salvation
to all those who turn to You. **Amen.**

John became Your herald, Lord,
when You came as our Bridegroom
and betrothed the Church as Bride
at the Jordan's flowing streams. **Amen.**

Like Your herald, Lord, may we
seek to decrease in self-will
that You may increase in us
and Your life be manifest. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here,
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May You mark us all O Christ
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore. **Amen.**

SEVENTH FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
PATRON SAINT OF THE CHURCH

Marmitha: Psalmody: *If the patron is not a martyr:* **Pss** 25, **26,** 27
If the patron is a martyr: **Pss** 62, 63, **64**

[The **Qanona** is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]

Qanona: Antiphon ***(Thuyai...)***

If the patron is not a martyr:
(Ps 92:12)
The righteous and faithful one
shall flourish like a palm tree;
and he shall grow securely
like a Lebanon cedar.

If the patron is a martyr:
(Ps 37:32)
The wicked await the just
and seek to put him to death;
but the Lord does not leave him
in the hands of evil ones

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 93:4; 91:9)
Most powerful / and to be praised / is the Lord on - - - high! /
Your mem'ry is inscribed in heav'n among the angels, /
with the victorious just who triumphed, O our patron! /
Christ the King loves you and has brought you to His bridal chamber with the crowned martyrs./

For You have set / Your dwelling place / above in the high - - - est./
O our patron, may your prayer be a strong protection /
lest the arrows of the wicked sinners cause us harm /
or we be pierced by the lance of the foe who hates our race and wishes our fall. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Is 41:8-16 **(2)** Acts 19:8-20

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)

For a non-martyr patron:
(Ps 112:6-7)
The one who is just
shall be remembered
everlastingly
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing "Alleluia"!
Let us celebrate with joy
the mem'ry of our patron.
Let us sing - and celebrate today

The one who is just
need not ever fear
an evil report.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

For a martyr patron:
(Ps 37:30)
When someone is just
his mouth only speaks
words of God's wisdom.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing "Alleluia"!
Let us celebrate with joy
the mem'ry of our patron
Let us sing - and celebrate today.

The tongue of the just
will utter always
what is right and true.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: 2 Cor 10:4-18

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...)*

For a non-martyr patron: *(Ps 15:1-2)*
Alleluia, alleluia * alleluia, alleluia!
Who can dwell in Your tent, O Lord, *
or rest on Your holy mountain?
One who walks without fault, justly, *
speaks the truth and says no evil.
Glory be to God the Father *
to the Son and Holy Spirit.
From eternity and ever, *
now and always. Amen. Amen
Alleluia, alleluia * alleluia, alleluia!

For a martyr patron: *(27:1-2)*
Alleluia, alleluia * alleluia, alleluia!
God is my light and salvation; *
who is there then that I should fear?
God the Lord is my life's refuge; *
of whom then should I be afraid?
When the evildoers draw near *
to devour my flesh; they stumble!
Glory be to God the Father *
to the Son and Holy Spirit.
From eternity and ever, *
now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia * alleluia, alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 24:45-46 + 25:14-23

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are rich in mercy and plentiful in goodness; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: As we celebrate this season in which You were made manifest and revealed Yourself, help us to see You present in the life and example of our holy patron saint, to whose special care you have entrusted this community, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You sowed the seeds of Your word in the hearts of all peoples and made Your law known to them even before You gave it to Your chosen people. Open our eyes that we may recognize the presence of the Holy Spirit in them and the signs of holiness which are His fruits in the hearts of all true seekers of God, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop,

Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, we honour with great joy Mar *(Name)*, who pleased You in *his/her* life and whom You have given us as a patron, revealing Your love in *his/her* life, and by *his/her* death entered into Your Kingdom. *He/She* is worthy to be numbered among the ranks of the saints. *He/She* followed the way of Your Son, took His Gospel as a rule of life, His teachings as beliefs, His Church as a standard, His Cross as the pattern for life and His love as a goal. Through *his/her* intercession, may we follow in *his/her* footsteps and attain *his/her* goal, and we will glorify You at all times, O Lord of all, forever.

R: Amen

(Or the final prayer may be that of the Saint's feast from the Gazza.)

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)

v: The just shall be in everlasting remembrance. *(Ps 112:6)*

O our blest patron,
your memorial
in the holy Church
reflects that of Christ the Lord:
you humbly took up His Cross
and fulfilled all His teachings.
He has taken you to be
for ever - in heaven with Him.

v: He shall not be afraid of evil tidings. *(Ps 112:7)*

When Christ comes again,
you shall appear, too,
with Him in your joy:
O our patron, Mar ----,
tireless fighter, proved, elect,
triumphant in holiness.
Angels shall greet you in ranks,
for like them - you transcend passions!

v: His heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. *(Ps 112:7)*

With jubilation,
your soul then shall sing
with the angel choirs.
And the Holy Spirit who
saw your deep humility,
your efforts and charity
will give you a worthy name,
our patron - (O) holy Mar - - -.

v: He shall be established before God for ever. *(Ps 61:7)*

Your love is active.
Be our protector
at the judgment seat,
that by your prayers we may be
worthy of God's great mercy.
May all those whom you esteem
share that bliss which you enjoy
by your help - (O) holy Mar - - -.

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

If the patron is not a martyr
(Bendan Sapra... Karunanidhiyam...)

Glorious is your blest feast-day,/
but more glorious truly was/
the day of your holy death!/
O, herald, who spread Christ's peace,/

If the patron is a martyr
(Thuyai..)

Martyr, you are a steward/
of great spiritual riches./
By your prayers, extend your help/
to this whole community.

you bore witness to the truth/
and cast out idolatry.

A throne in glory is yours/
where you live for evermore./
God the Father in the heights/
with His Son and Spirit blest/
wove the crown of victory/
in your honour, holy one./

The hosts of the cherubim/
glorify God who chose you,/
put you over His treasure,/
entrusted His gifts to you./
We all cry aloud to Him/
as we sing: "Alleluia!"

Christ inscribed your memory/
upon His holy altar./
He reveals His hidden pow'r/
through your holy relics here.

Through you, He wills to bestow/
His many great benefits/
here within His holy Church
where we sing: "Alleluia!"

Invitation to Communion

If the patron is not a martyr:
Brethren: draw near to receive the Holy Gifts, the treasure given us by God. Our treasure is laid up in heaven where rust does not decay, nor do thieves have any power to plunder the riches of our wealth.

If the patron is a martyr:
Brethren: on this commemoration of the holy martyr, approach and receive the precious Body and living, life-giving Blood of the Son of the Lord of all.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer ***(Thuyai...)***

Wondrous are You, Lord our God,
amidst all Your holy ones.
May we one day join their ranks
and enjoy eternal bliss. **Amen.**

You are the joy of prophets,
the pride of Your Apostles,
the support of Your martyrs,
the glory of all Your saints! **Amen.**

By our holy patron's prayers,
give us peace and guard our lives,
guide our footsteps in Your paths
that we, too, may please You, Lord. **Amen.**

Keep us in communion, Lord,
with Your saints and Your people,
that we all may share with them
in Your bridal chamber's joy. **Amen.**

May You pour Your blessings forth,
Your compassion and Your love,
upon us, Your chosen ones,
who are sheep of Your own flock. **Amen.**

May Your grace abound in us.
May Your right hand be on us
to provide and to protect
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon ***(Thuyai...)***

Bles-sed are You, Jesus Christ,
who received a Baptism
in the River Jordan's streams
and brought joy to all the world!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 34:1)
For I shall bless / the Lord, my God, / at ev'ry mo - - -ment. /
Bles-sed be the One, true, living compassionate God /
who has made the lowly nature of us humans /

become a partaker and participant in His holy and life-giving Mysteries! /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Deut 14:2 - 15:4 **(2)** Is 42:5-9, 14-17

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 97:7-8)

They shall be ashamed
who worship idols
and trust in false gods.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Epiphany of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Serve God, you angels!
Zion hears the news
and exults with joy.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Rejoicing comes to
daughters of Judah
at Your judgments, Lord.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

ngartha: Epistle: 1 Tim 6:9-21

ummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 116:1-2)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
O praise the Lord, / all you nations! * Give praise to Him, all you peoples!
For His mercy is great to us, * and His truth shall last for ever.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

vangalion: Gospel: Mt 7:28 - 8:13

arozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are by nature good, and from You all good things come; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: When You descended into the waters of the Jordan at Your Baptism, You released the springs of forgiveness and healing for us. May we always walk as children of the light and witnesses to Your Kingdom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When You arose from the waters of the Jordan, You lifted up our fallen nature that it be anointed and healed by the Spirit. Purify us continually by His descent, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: With the Centurion we cry out: O Lord, we are not worthy to have You enter under the roof of our sinful humanity. But as You entered the womb, so You entered the Jordan River. As You entered the tomb, so You entered the heavenly bridal chamber. By Your entrances You have healed and sanctified our nature. Grant health to the sick and guide those who wander astray, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Because You will to make us clean, You came to restore the human race from the leprosy and paralysis of sin which destroys and alienates our nature. You heal us through Your Mysteries, renew us in wholeness and ask us to witness before the world. May Your hand always be extended to touch us, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, as You manifested Yourself in Your ministry, people were healed of powers that paralyzed their growth and movement and cleansed of the forces that decayed and separated them from You and others. They were made whole as redeemed children of the Father. Continue to work through the ministry of Your Churches, that men and women today may be liberated from paralysis and grow to be Your authentic images and likenesses in a communion of life and love with You and others. May that transformation which began at our Baptism into You come to its fulness, O Lord of all, forever.

R: Amen.

ɔ'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
: Hear this, all you peoples. *(Ps 49:1)*
The Fire in the Coal
touched Isaiah's mouth.
When it burned his lips
he was purified of sin.
We receive that Fire in Bread.
When it touches our bodies,
then our faults are cleansed away
and we are - purified of sin!

: Just and upright is He. *(Deut 32:4)*
The Fire in the Coal...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)
This is the great, desired Hope
which prophets were looking toward
in their signs and mysteries.
Moved by His deep charity,
Jesus, our King, was made flesh
and arose from David's house.

Let us hasten now to Him,
adore His Divinity.
With the heav'nly hosts we sing:
"Holy, holy, holy Lord,
You, the truly hidden One!
Alleluia! Praise to You!"

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: come, approach the Body and Blood of Christ. With fear, reverence and love, let us receive Him and give praise. Isaiah, the prophet, saw this in mystery: an angel gave him a burning Coal, and his sins were taken away.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer ***(Thuyai...)***

Lord, Your love exceeds all words,
for You came to join our race.
You assumed our whole nature,
like us in all things but sin. **Amen.**

As a man, You were baptized
though You needed no cleansing,
making holy water's flow
and providing us new birth. **Amen.**

You were baptized so that we
may know Your blest Trinity
and be sealed into Your life
thus become beloved sons. **Amen.**

You were manifested, Lord,
in the waters as our God,
giving light and salvation
to all those who turn to You. **Amen.**

Cleanse us from sin's leprosy;
free us from paralysis,
that reborn and purified,
we may witness to Your pow'r. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here,
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May You mark us all O Christ
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore. **Amen.**

EIGHTH FRIDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 87, 88

The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon (Thuyai...) (Ps 88:18)

	OR:
My companions and neighbours,/	*Lord, our Saviour, living God,/*
You have taken from me, Lord;/	*it is You who raise the dead./*
and my friends and relatives,/	*May Your holy Name be praised/*
You put far from me, O God.	*Amen and Alleluia!*

M'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 110:4)
You are a priest / for ever more, / for endless a - - - ges! /
O Christ, our Redeemer, and the High Priest of our faith: /
You were an acceptable, spotless victim for us. /
We ask You for forgiveness of sins when Your throne of judgment will be prepared. /

According to / the order of / blest Melchize - - - dek! /
You have experienced the passions of our nature /
in which You were tempted and suffered to save us. /
Remember not the sins of Your servants who shared the Mystery of Your Body. /

You are a priest / for ever more, / for endless a - - - ges! /
Christ the King, we ask Your grace that they be spared from hell./
May You protect them on the day of resurrection. /
May they be lifted up in great glory to highest heaven with the angels. /
All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /

By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Ezek 37:1-14 **(2)** Sir 44:1 - 45:6

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 104:30)

Lord, when You send forth
Your Holy Spirit,
they are created!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the mem'ry of our brethren.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Thus, Lord, You renew
and give new life to
the face of the earth!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: 1 Cor 15:34-57

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 51:1-3)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Have mercy upon me, O God, * according to Your great goodness;
according to Your compassion * wipe away all my offences.

Wash me more and more from my guilt, * and cleanse me from all of my sins.
For I admit my transgressions; * my sins are before me always!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are glorified in heaven and worshipped on earth; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Our Lord Jesus, grant that Your departed servants may rest with the saints in the place of light, happiness and peace, where there is no grief, no pain, no sorrow, but everlasting light. In Your mercy, forgive them every sin they may have committed in thought, word or deed, for there is no one who lives and does not sin, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on them, O Lord.

D: Our Lord Jesus, You descended into Hades to release the bonds of the suffering captives. Grant rest to Your departed servants. Bestow upon them the blessed life which is from You, O Lover of Mankind, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on them, O Lord.

D: Our Lord Jesus, open the doors of Your mercy to all the dead. Pardon the offences which they have committed against Your Majesty. Erase from Your book their sins

and faults that they may attain the joy of Paradise, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on them, O Lord.

D: Our Lord Jesus, reclothe the faithful departed in wedding garments that they may go out to meet You at Your Second Coming, when the angels separate the just from sinners. May they enter with You into the bridal chamber of Your Kingdom, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on them, O Lord.

D: Our Lord Jesus, establish in the mansions of Your just, all Your departed servants; grant them rest in the bosom of Abraham; and number them among the saints, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on them, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Lord God of all spirits and all flesh, You have destroyed death, overcome the devil and given life to the world. Grant, O Lord, to Your servants who have departed this life that they may rest in a place of light, happiness and peace, where there is no pain, grief nor sighing. Since You are a gracious God and the Lover of Mankind, forgive them every sin they have committed by thought, word or deed, for there is no one who lives and does not sin. You alone are without sin, Your righteousness is everlasting and Your word is true. For You are the Resurrection, the Life and the Repose of Your

departed servants, O Christ our God, and we render glory to You, Lord of all, forever.
℟: Amen.

ʼ'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
: Blessed is the one with whom You are pleased. *(Ps 65:4)*

We shall one day stand
at Your awesome throne.
There each one receives
in that just judgment You make
what his deeds in life deserve,
be it evil, be it good.
Lord, be merciful to those
who received - Your Body and Blood!

: There is no speech nor language. *(Ps 19:3)*
We shall one day stand...*(Repeat)*

ʼ'Bem: Communion Hymn *((Thuyai...)*

Blest is He at whose command
the dead shall rise from their graves.
They will stand and sing praise to
Him who gives their bodies life.

Mortals hear a voice proclaim
salvation, and they arise.
Resurrection of bodies
comes through the Body and Blood.

nvitation to Communion

Brethren: the fruit of the tree opened the way to the grave. But Christ, our Hope, has opened for us the way to heaven. Come, et us receive Him.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Use the normal one for the Dead in he Taksa)*

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, 98

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon ***(Thuyai...)***

Bles-sed are You, Jesus Christ,
who received a Baptism
in the River Jordan's streams
and brought joy to all the world!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 49:1)
Come now and hear / and listen well, / all of you peo - - -ple!/
The Seraphim touched the prophet with the burning Coal. /
His body was sanctified and his sin remitted. /
Come, people, let the life-giving Mysteries cleanse your bodies' faults and your souls' stains./

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and a his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Ex 15:22-25 **(2)** Is 44:23 - 45:3

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 31:19-21)
How great Your goodness
which You have in store
for those who love You!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Epiphany of Christ.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Which You show to those
who place trust in You
in the sight of men.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Hide them at Your side
from the snares of men,
safe in Your shadow.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Bles-sed be the Lord,
who keeps chosen ones
in a walled city.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

ıgartha: Epistle: Eph 1:15 - 2:7

ımmara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 97:1-3)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad! * Let the many islands rejoice!
Clouds and darkness are around Him. * His throne rests on truth and justice.
A fire goes out from before Him * and consumes His foes on all sides!
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mk 1:1-11

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying:Hhave mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You are by nature immortal and dwell in resplendent Light, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus, at Your Baptism in the Jordan, the Spirit descended from on high and sanctified the waters while hovering there. He rested upon You, but gave His fulness to all. May He descend and dwell with all who are reborn in Your Kingdom through water, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Out of love for us sinners, You fulfilled the Father's saving plan. May we unceasingly be born anew from the maternal womb of Your Church, Your Bride, to whom You have entrusted Your great Mysteries of the new life, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
D: At the Jordan, You assumed our brokeness. As the Good Shepherd, You put us as lost and wandering sheep around Your neck that we might be strengthened by Your Divinity. Give health to the sick, bring back those wandering in error and lead all to Your Kingdom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Your Forerunner prepared the way for Your manifestation by calling all to repentance. May Your Churches continually

summon the human race to turn to You and the values of Your Kingdom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Lord God, we thank You for sending Your Son as the Light of the world. Strengthen us to bear fruit from our Baptism, the sacrament of faith. Lord, enable us to shed Your spiritual light by witnessing to Your Son, our Lord and Redeemer, who has chosen us as His flock, in His grace and mercy, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: You are my trust from my youth, O God! *(Ps 71:5)*
The faith that we have
in Your great mercy
moves us all to seek
forgiveness from You, our Lord,
not because we are worthy,
but because You justify
those who call upon Your Name
from the depths - of Your great mercy!

v: But I trusted in You, O Lord. *(Ps 31:14)*
The faith that we have....*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Come, let us all celebrate
Christ's Body here sacrificed.
The day of His birth brought joy
to the angel hosts on high.
When salvation was made known
those on earth rejoiced as well.

Let us glorify the Son
with the bodiless Powers,
for He has established peace
in the heav'ns and on the earth.
With the angel hosts we sing:
"Alleluia! Praise to You!"

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: this is the hidden Mystery which has been revealed. It has brought about peace and reconciliation between those above and those below through His Cross. By the sacrifice of Himself, He remitted our sins. Therefore, in peace, let us all reverence His Body in purity.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Lord, Your love exceeds all words,
for You came to save our race.
You assumed our whole nature,
like us in all things but sin. **Amen.**

As a man, You were baptized
though You needed no cleansing,
making holy water's flow
and providing us new birth. **Amen.**

You were baptized so that we
may know Your blest Trinity
and be sealed into Your life
thus become beloved sons. **Amen.**

You were manifested, Lord,
in the waters as our God,
giving light and salvation
to all those who turn to You. **Amen.**

May You bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here,
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May You mark us all O Christ
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore. **Amen.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon (Thuyai...): (Ps 146:11)

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails:

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 66:16)
Come, all of you / who are servants / of the living - - - God. /
Saved by the Cross, receive the Body and Blood of Christ. /
Let us become completely simple, pure and holy /
lest we become careless in our service and be condemned before His judgment seat.

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit. /
Let us prepare our minds and cleanse our hearts of all sin. /
Let us renounce our vices and tend towards holiness. /
Reconciled, let us contemplate the Body and Blood of Christ who pardons sins.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Ex 34:1-7, 27-35 **(2)** Is 58:1-12, 14

Surraya: Responsorial Psalm:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 50:1-5)
The Lord, God of gods,
has spoken and called

the earth, east to west.
God shines forth out of Zion,
the perfection of beauty.
God shall come and not be still.
Before Him a fire devours;
around Him - it shall flame greatly!

From above He calls
to the high heavens
and the earth below.
They shall be His witnesses
as He judges His people.
His chosen are gathered round,
those who by a sacrifice
made with Him - oath of covenant.

Engartha: Epistle: Eph 4:17 - 5:4 + 5:15-21

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 34:11-14)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Come, you children listen to me; * I will teach you fear of the Lord!
Who is there who desires long life * that he may see good days coming?
Keep your tongue from speaking evil * and your lips from telling falsehood.
Turn from evil do good only; * seek after peace and pursue it.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 3:16 - 4:11

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Father of mercies, God of all consolation, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: As Moses fasted forty days in Your presence, he was transfigured in Your holiness, learned Your will and was instructed in the way to live according to Your life-giving commandments. During this Great Fast, may we all draw closer to You, share more fully in Your sanctity and learn to direct our lives more authentically in keeping with the ways of Your will, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: During our Fast, may we burst the bonds of wickedness, share our bread with the hungry, shelter the homeless, give our clothes to the needy and never evade our duty to our neighbour, but set him free and make plain for him the way to Your Kingdom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Following the teachings of blessed Paul, may we turn away from our old sinful nature with all its faults and weaknesses and be clothed with You more completely, becoming in truth Your new people, created by God in righteousness and true holiness, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: After Your Baptism, You fasted for forty days to understand more fully Your Father's will in Your life. As we join You in that Fast, help us to resist the temptations of the evil one

that would keep us from being faithful to our call as Your Body in this world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O Christ our God, by Your own fasting and self-denial, You taught us to fast. You wish us to understand the essential purpose of life, the meaning of the world and its existence and the greatness of Your love and goodness. Pour forth Your mercy on all people that they might repent and return to You, weeping with sorrow and broken in heart. As we join in Your Great Fast, may we follow Your path that we may attain to You and praise You, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
ℵ: Be watchful and do not sin. *(Ps 4:4)*

Followers of Christ
and participants
in His Mysteries:
beware less you be misled
by the plague of worldliness,
lest your faith and baptism
become useless, dead and cold
through the world - and its corrupting ways!

v: All of you are children of the Most High. *(Ps 82:6)*
Followers of Christ....*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn (Thuyai, Sahde Hawaithon,...)

Christ our Saviour has prepared
in the presence of us all
His holy and blest Table
to sustain us in spirit.

Come, let us adorn ourselves
by the pure, spiritual Fast
which cleanses our defilements
as we sing: Alleluia!

Come, with faith and love draw near!
Let us worship the Father,
the Son and the Spirit blest
as we sing: Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: partake of the Body and Blood of the Son, who is good to those who receive Him.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

Through his fasting and his prayer,
Moses prepared to meet God,
and received the divine Law
and the saving Covenant. **Amen.**

By his fasting, Elijah
increased zeal to testify
to the true and living God
to the people of his time. **Amen.**

Daniel, in the lions' den,
was protected by his fast;
Ananias and his friends
fasting were kept safe from fire. **Amen.**

Through their fasting and their prayer,
the people of Niniveh
repented and left error
and were saved from destruction. **Amen.**

Ascetics were sanctified,
virgins acquired purity,
prophets heard the Word of God
by their fasting and their prayer. **Amen.**

Through fasting and fervent prayer,
Christians lived and kept their faith;
children of the holy Church
fast and increase in God's love. **Amen.**

We entreat our Saviour, Christ,
who is Lover of Mankind,
to make holy and most pure
our Fast in this bles-sed time. **Amen.**

May you all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and forevermore. **Amen.**

FIRST MONDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, **145,** 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...): (Ps 146:11)*

OR:

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins/

their trust
in His never-failing love.

for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 1:1-19 **(2)** Josh 1:1-15

Surraya: Responsorial Psalm:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 118:1-8)

Blest are they whose way
remains undefiled,
those who always walk
in the law of the Lord God.
Blest are they who obey Him
and seek Him with their whole heart,
do no wrong, walk in His ways.
You command - that Your laws be kept.

Oh, that I may be
firm in all my ways
to keep Your decrees!
Then I shall not be ashamed
when I observe all Your laws.
I will thank You from my heart
when I have learned Your judgments.
I obey - do not forsake me!

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 1:1-25

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 1:1-2)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bles-sed the one who does not walk * nor stay in the way of sinners!
But for whom his greatest delight * is found in the law of the Lord.
And upon the law of the Lord * does he meditate day and night.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 5:17-37

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Compassionate God, who governs all things with tender mercy, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: As Moses and Paul teach us, You formed the creation in a wondrous manner, making it a sacrament that reveals You and draws all to communion with You. Help us to see You in all Your works and to use them only according to Your will, avoiding all greed, idolatry, possessiveness, abuse and waste, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Joshua, who shared Your Name, prefigured You as the leader who would bring us into the Promised Land of the Kingdom of God. Teach us to live as pilgrims in this world, following Your guidance in all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Cleanse our hearts through fasting and meditation on Your Gospel, which is the power of God, that we may draw light and strength from it to amend our lives and glorify You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: As we begin the Great Fast, help us to be reconciled to all people that our worship be acceptable to You, and that we

might understand the true demands of Your life-giving law of love, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the repose of the souls of Your departed servants, that to them may be remitted every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful One, by Your word and Your life You have taught us the law and become for us the way to the Father, and the ladder which leads to Him. You took our image in order to give us Yours. You fasted from food and drink to redeem Adam who ate the forbidden fruit, and thus You restored the image that human greed had distorted, and have given to us the assurance and joy which we lost. May Your image be imprinted on our faces and hearts during this season and at all times, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: God is our refuge and strength. *(Ps 46:1)*

Now the time has come
for our salvation.
Let us trust in God.
We repent and turn to Him

that we may be saved from sin,
from the falls and trespasses
we committed in this world
and receive - forgiveness of sins!

℣: He is a very present help in trouble. *(Ps 46:1)*
Now the time has come...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn (Thuyai, Sahde Hawaithon...)

Give thanks, people to the Son
in the midst of Holy Church,
for He gives as Gift to us
His Body and precious Blood....*(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: God, who is hidden and unseen by all, has revealed Himself that He might give life to all!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

Blest are You, O Lord our God,
who created all in love.
You set the course of the year
and gave us these days of peace. **Amen.**

Grant Your servants righteousness;
help us as we now repent.
Destroy sin in us with pow'r;
renew our hearts, minds and flesh. **Amen.**

In these forty days of Fast,
may we resist Satan's snares.
With the Cross as our weapon,
make us victors over sin. **Amen.**

Bring us safe to celebrate
the Passover of Your Son,
worthy to partake with joy
in Christ's blest Resurrection. **Amen.**

May You pour Your blessings forth,
Your compassion and Your love,
upon us, repentant ones,
who are sheep of Your own flock. **Amen.**

May Your grace abound in us.
May Your right hand be outstretched
to provide and to protect
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

FIRST TUESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, **146**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon ***(Thuyai...)*****:** *(Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: **Readings**: **(1)** Gen 1:20 - 2:7 **(2)** Josh 1:16 - 2:11

Surraya: Responsorial Psalm:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 118:9-16)

How shall a young man
be straight in his steps?
By keeping Your laws!
With my whole heart, I seek You.
Let me wander not away,
O Lord, from Your commandments.

In my heart I store Your words
that I may - not sin against You.

Blest are You, O Lord!
Teach me Your statutes.
I repeat always
all Your righteous commandments.
I love the way of Your laws
more than treasures, more than wealth.
I think on Your laws and ways
that I not - forget Your blest words.

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 1:28 - 2:6

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 32:1-3)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest indeed is the one whose faults * have surely been forgiven him.
Blest the one the Lord has pardoned * in whose spirit is found no guile.
For as long as I would not speak * my bones wasted away in me.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 5:38 - 48

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are rich in mercy and plentiful in goodness; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You brought forth all life on earth, but You made us in Your own image, according to Your likeness, and filled us with Your own life, the breath of Your Spirit. You gave us dominion, setting us as stewards over Your creation. Make us responsible and attentive in our daily work, conscious that we are thus participating in Your ongoing creation, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: As Rahab protected the messengers of God when they came, hiding them on her roof, so may we conserve in our minds all good thoughts, inspirations and motivations that You send us during these days of repentance, sheltering them from the destructive lukewarmness of the world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Grant us the grace of being aware of our own sins, and of not thinking evil of those of our brothers and sisters, as we turn to You in repentance, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: As we seek Your forgiveness, may we truly forgive our brothers and sisters and all who have offended us, that we may become perfected children of Your heavenly Father, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: That You may grant all the departed to rest where all Your just and saints repose, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop,

Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace, fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O Lord, grant us purity of heart and mind and draw us closer to You during this blessed season. By our fast, may we abstain not only from food and drink, but from jealousy, hatred, pride, selfishness and an unforgiving spirit. Then we shall glorify You, as is fitting, and praise You, Lord of all, for ever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven. *(Ps 32:1)*

By fasting and prayer
and our penitence
let us entreat Christ.
As the Lover of Mankind,
He receives all who repent
In mercy and compassion,
He obtains our salvation
and He grants - remission of sins!

v: Pour out your hearts before Him. *(Ps 62:9)*

By fasting and prayer...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Glory to the great Mercy
which sent You to us, O Christ,
who have given unto us
Your Body and precious Blood!....*(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: the Son of God has become man. Since we cannot contain His Essence, Christ gives us His Body and Blood.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

We give thanks to You, O Christ,
for this season of the Fast.
You come to heal the great wounds
of our spirit in these days. **Amen.**

Lord, remove from us, we pray,
Pharisee's hypocrisy,
any pride, self-righteousness,
in our penances and prayers. **Amen.**

Fill us with Your light and truth
as we struggle against sin.
May our hearts be filled with love
to forgive and pardon all. **Amen.**

Help us tame our passions, Lord,
that we may reach out to all,
seeking union with all men
in reconciliation. **Amen.**

By Your Fast, You taught us how
to triumph o'er Satan's power,
how to be partakers in
Your death and Resurrection. **Amen.**

May You mark us all, O Christ,
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and save us from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...): (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 2:18-25 **(2)** Josh 2:8-24

Surraya: Responsorial Psalm:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 118:17-24)

Answer Your servant
that I may have life
and obey Your words.
May I see Your law's wonders -
I am a stranger on earth.
Hide not Your commands from me.
My soul is pleased and longs for
Your decrees - throughout the whole day.

You rebuke Gentiles:
miserable are they
who stray from Your ways.
Free me from reproach, contempt,
for I have kept Your decrees.
Evil men plot against me.
I still think upon Your laws.
Your commands - have directed me.

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 2:7-27

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 41:1-3)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest the one who cares for the poor * for the Lord will take care of him.
God will protect and preserve him * will make him happy on the earth.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 6:1-18

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are by nature good, and from You all good things come; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You created Eve and Adam to complete and fulfill one another. Eve prefigures Your Church, born from Your side upon the Cross, Your Bride and the fruitful mother of those living the new life of Your Resurrection. Help all Christian spouses to be aware of their participation in that mystery, that

as faithful helpmates to one another, their homes be loving domestic churches where Your life and presence sanctifies all, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: As Rahab converted when she recognized God working through the messengers, leaving her former loyalties, so may we quickly respond to Your calls to us in daily life, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O Good One, we thank You for saving Your people in the past when they turned to You with fasting, prayer and supplication. Help us to live lives of repentance and conversion that we may always experience Your saving presence and help, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Teach us to repent in fact as well as in spirit by means of authentic fasting, sincere prayer and self-forgetful acts of charity and service, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Remember all the members of our Church who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection to eternal life, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Saviour, purify our souls by a pure Fast; control our bodies by just mortifications; awaken our spirits by our work and vigils, and sanctify our lips by Your praise. In our combat, may we triumph over the evil one and his hosts, and by our confidence in You escape his power. We shall glorify You at all times and seasons, Lord of all, forever.

R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)

v: O come, let us sing to the Lord. *(Ps 95:1)*

By the example
that He set for us
in His holy Fast,
our Saviour has taught us all.
Let us strive to follow Him
in His pure and holy Fast
and adorn our souls by deeds
worthily - let us honour Him!

v: He will teach the poor His way. *(Ps 25:9)*

Let us all give thanks
with sincerity
and adoration
unto Christ, our Saviour King,
for with love, He opens wide
the gates of repentance to
all sinners who wish to change.
In mercy - He receives us back!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Blest the One who gave to us
a charter of our freedom
in the Gift of His Body,
and who truly washed away
the record of our great sins
by the Gift of His own Blood!.....*(Repeat)*

nvitation to Communion

Brethren: Christ has prepared a banquet for those who are on arth, that they might receive life from the spiritual food they at.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

Lord our God, though unworthy,
You have counted us worthy
to stand in Your holy place
and to serve Your Qurbana. **Amen.**

Nothing good do we have, Lord,
to offer Your Majesty.
We present a humbled heart,
contrite spirit in Your sight. **Amen.**

You need nothing from us, Lord,
but because You are so good,
we seek pardon for our sins
and the grace of conversion. **Amen.**

We thank You, for in the past,
You saved and delivered us.
Look with love upon us still:
guide, protect and guard our lives. **Amen.**

May we fast from vanities
and by prayer be filled with You,
then share selves and possessions
in true, loving almsgiving. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God:
this community and house,
this people, as each deserves,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, **145**, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon (Thuyai...): (Ps 146:11)

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 3:1-19 **(2)** Josh 3:1-13

Surraya: Responsorial Psalm:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 118:25-32)

I lie defeated,
prostrate in the dust.
Restore life to me.
I confessed and You answered.
Teach Your law, show me Your ways.
I shall ponder Your wonders.
My soul weeps in grief for sin.
Give me life - as You have promised.

Remove far from me
the way of falsehood
and teach me Your law.
I choose the way of Your truth.
I have clung to Your will, Lord.
Do not let me be ashamed.
I have walked in Your precepts
because You - have brought joy to me.

ngartha: Epistle: Rom 2:28 - 3:26

ummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 112:1-2)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest is the one who fears the Lord * who takes delight in His commands.
His posterity shall be strong * and his descendants be upright.
Wealth and riches shall fill up his house * and his justice lasts forever.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

vangalion: Gospel: Mt 6:19-34

arozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are glorified in heaven and worshipped on earth; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Adam longed for the fruit of independence from You, O Giver of Life, eating out of communion with You, internalizing evil, secularizing Your creation and introducing death into it. May we renounce rebellious self-will and learn to do all in active communion with You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When the Ark of Your living presence entered the Jordan, the waters were divided, permitting safe passage to the people.

When You entered into the mystery of our death and sin, You destroyed its power. As we follow You through the waters of Baptism, set us free from all that could keep us from Your Kingdom, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Teach us not to have confidence in our own righteousness, accomplishments nor abilities, knowing that we have all sinned and fallen short of Your glory. Rather, let us put all our faith and trust in You who are our salvation and justification, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Through this Fast, may we learn to turn to Your daily Providence, laying aside our needless anxieties as we seek first Your Kingdom, striving to serve You and others wholeheartedly in the vocations You have given each one of us in life, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Grant rest to all the departed with Your saints where the light of Your face shines and have mercy on them, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, save us from the wiles and temptations of the evil one, and grant us through this Great Fast to be strong in combat. By Your power, may we conquer the inclinations

and passions of the body and mind, and with the help of Your grace, live according to the spirit of Your Gospel, that we may glorify You now and at all times, Lord of all, for ever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
D: Come, you children, listen to me. *(Ps 34:11)*

In this holy time
by means of the Fast,
Christ is drawing all:
He calls sinners to repent.
Come, therefore, and let us go
to our Lord with hymns of praise,
with almsgiving to the poor.
In His love - God wills all to live!

D: Therefore will He direct sinners in the way. *(Ps 25:8)*
In this holy time...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Christ now gives us His Body
and redeems us by His Blood.
We trust that He will grant us
to share His Resurrection!... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: Christ who died to sin has removed sin; He has destroyed death, and He rules over all! Come and participate in these Mysteries for the remission of sins!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

God, our Father, for our sake
You gave us Your only Son
and through Him have made us sons,
worthy of Your blest Spirit. **Amen.**

Have compassion on us now,
for we broke Your commandments.
We have trusted in ourselves,
wandered from our Father's love. **Amen.**

Send us not with those condemned,
nor leave us without Your gifts.
Teach us to depend on You
and trust in Your Providence. **Amen.**

Make us worthy to return
to You in our words and hearts,
to prove by our deeds that we
are Your sons as we repent. **Amen.**

Pour Your blessings forth on us,
Your compassion and Your love,
upon us, repentant ones,
who are sheep of Your own flock. **Amen.**

May Your grace abound in us.
Stretch Your right hand over us
to provide and to protect
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, **146**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...): (Ps 146:11)*

OR:

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 3:20 - 4:16 **(2)** Josh 3:14 - 4:9

Surraya: Responsorial Psalm:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 118:33-40)

O my Lord, teach me
the way of Your laws
and I shall keep them.
Give me understanding, Lord,
that I may obey Your law
and keep it with my whole heart.
Lead me through Your commandments
for in them - I find my delight.

Turn me to Your law,
not to seeking wealth
nor false vanities.
Give me life by Your decrees.
Keep Your word to Your servant.
Banish shame; Your law is good.
I delight in Your decrees.
Give me life - by Your just precepts.

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 3:31 - 4:25

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 41:1-3)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest the one who cares for the poor * for the Lord will take care of him.
God will protect and preserve him, * will make him happy on the earth.
The Lord will not hand him over * to the hands of his enemies.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 7:1-14

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are by nature immortal and dwell in resplendent Light; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: By our sin, we became mortal, are born outside of Paradise and have become suspicious and harmful to one another. As we repent, remove our leather garment of mortality and replace it with the finest robes given to the Prodigal who returns, the wedding garment of light of Your Kingdom. Make us brothers and sisters to one another again, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You were present through the ark with Your people at the time of Joshua. Now You are present in the Mystery of Your Church. Teach Your Churches to be aware of Your presence among us that they may always be efficient instruments of Your salvation and relief to the people in the world today, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Our Father Abraham was justified by his faith in You, expressed in His obedience to Your will in his deeds. As we repent, may our lives be more and more based on faith, rather than on worldly motives, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Help us to rid ourselves of all self-centredness and self-righteousness, to refrain from judging others and to turn away from all deceit and untruth. Bind us by Your pure and holy love, that we may strive to enter by the narrow gate, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: To all the departed, grant the remission of sins, the light of Your Kingdom, a share in Your eternal joys and the delight of Your blessed and everlasting life, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O Lord Jesus Christ, during this Great Fast confirm our wills so that we may reject all thoughts which disturb our love for You. Establish us in Your truth that we may be filled with Your gifts, and so reach Your Paradise on the morning of Your glorious Resurrection, where we shall praise with joy, O Lord of all, for ever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
D: O come, let us sing to the Lord. *(Ps 95:1)*

A fast pleasing God
restrains our passions
and gives self-control.
Thus, we grow in holiness,

think correctly with good thoughts.
It will lessen greed and lust
and direct us straight and sure
in the ways - that the Lord has taught.

D: He saves those who are humble in spirit. *(Ps 34:18)*
A fast pleasing to God....*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)
Come, all you who are fasting!
Come, receive the Holy Gifts
which make holy those who eat.
All who hunger or who thirst,
taste the living Mystery:
His Body and Blood are giv'n!... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Behold, the Medicine of Life is being distributed. Come forward, brethren: receive and live.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

May we do unto others
what we would expect from them.
Jesus tells us this fulfills
what the Law and Prophets teach. **Amen.**

As the Lord tells us to ask,
seek and knock, that we receive,
let us turn to Him in prayer
and seek graces to repent. **Amen.**

Let us not judge each other;
there is one Judge, God alone.
Let us seek His mercy now
and remission of our sins. **Amen.**

Narrow is the door that leads
to the life that truly lasts.

Let us fast and do penance,
that we all may enter in. **Amen.**

Adam stretched his hands to take
from the pleasing tree of sin.
Let us stretch our hands in faith
to the tree of Christ's blest Cross. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

FIRST SATURDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

May the death He freely died
be the source of Life for us,
for He reconciled all things
with His Father who made them.... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: come and freely receive the Mystery of purification which gives life and remits faults.

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)*: *(Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord, the God of our salvation.

in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails:

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 31:14)
But I have placed / my trust in You, / O my Lord and - - - God. /
We trust Your love and seek pardon of sins, O our Lord, /
not because we believe that we are worthy of it /
but because You freely justify those seeking the mercy of Your grace.

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit. /
We kneel in prayer before the Cross, the source of help, /
to find mercy and the remission of our sins. /
The whole world is illumined by its light and even its foes are called to worship.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 5:19-31 **(2)** Josh 4:15-24

Surraya: Responsorial Psalm:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 34:12-14)

Is there anyone
who desires long life
to see good days come?
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the season of the Great Fast.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Then hold back your lips
from all evil speech
and from telling lies.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

Turn from all evil
and do only good;

seek peace; pursue it.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 6:1-23

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 3:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lord, how many are against me! * Many are those who are my foes.
They say I have no salvation, * but You, O Lord, are my great shield!
Whenever I call out to God * He answers me from His mountain.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 7:15-27

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: As You gave long life to the patriarchs who sought and served You, and took up Enoch to be with You, so may our exercises of mortification lead to a share in the fulness of Your life and the awareness of Your presence in and around us, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: As the ark of the covenant went into the Jordan and provided safe passage for Your people into the Promised Land, so You went down into death, halted its power and provided our entrance through it into Your Kingdom. May we follow You faithfully through Your death and Resurrection, living out our baptism daily, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: As we have been baptized into You, may our repentance during these holy days truly put to death the power of sin and death in our lives, that Your risen life may shine forth more clearly within us, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Grant that we may build our lives on the solid rock of Your Word, bring forth fruits of repentance during our Fast and discern Your presence and activity more effectively in the world around us, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop,

Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, grant us to remain apart from the spirit of this fallen world. Give us the grace to praise You with hearts and minds raised above worldly preoccupations. May this Great Fast help us to come closer to You, walk in the way of Your commandments and serve You more effectively in the world. Then we shall praise You with all Your angels and saints, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: I will extol You, O my Lord, the King! *(Ps 144:1)*
Now we understand
saving Mysteries,
for the holy Cross
has been preached to all the world
as the way that leads to life,
and all creatures now rejoice.
Christ our King has been announced.
The whole world - has been sanctified!

v: His glory is on earth and in heaven. *(Ps 148:13)*
Now we understand...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)
On this first of days which is
the first-born of all the days,

come, draw near with faith and love:
let us rev'rently receive
the Body and Blood of Christ
who is the First-born of God!

On this first of days on which
the highest of heav'ns was made,
let us all draw near with love,
with faith and in unity.
Come, receive the blest Body
of the Son sent from above!

On this first of days on which
the Lord God created earth
from which all things did arise,
let us all draw near with love;
come, receive the Son's Body
for He is Lord of all things!

Invitation to Communion

O Son of God, who give us Your Body and Blood, grant us also the new life in Your Kingdom.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

As we fast, we call on You,
knocking at Your Kingdom's door.
Turn Your face not from us, Lord;
recognize us as Your own. **Amen.**

May our lives be built on You,
our repentance bear good fruit,
Your Word be the foundation
of our thoughts and words and deeds. **Amen.**

As we turn back to You, Lord,
break the pow'r of sin within;
form our lives anew in You,
renewed in Your holiness. **Amen.**

As we join You on the Cross,
crucifying our old self,
so may we arise with You
in the new life of Baptism. **Amen.**

O Christ, bless our gathering
and preserve Your people here,
bring to glory those who shared
Your life-giving Mysteries. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by You
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

SECOND MONDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Give thanks, people to the Son
in the midst of Holy Church,
for He gives as Gift to us
His Body and precious Blood.... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: it is fitting that we should break all the bonds of vice which hold our souls for the sake of the One who freed us from captivity.

SECOND TUESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Glory to the great Mercy
which sent You to us, O Christ,
who have given unto us
Your Body and precious Blood! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: He purchased us with His Blood. He nourishes us with His Body, and He covers the nakedness of our poverty with the robe of His glory.

SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Blest the One who gave to us
a charter of our freedom
in the Gift of His Body,
and who truly washed away
the record of our great sins
by the Gift of His own Blood! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: Christ has prepared a banquet for those who live on earth, so that they might receive life from the spiritual food they eat.

SECOND THURSDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Christ now gives us His Body
and redeems us by His Blood.
We trust that He will grant us
to share His Resurrection! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: let us sinners purify our hearts with the Body and Blood which washes all stains away.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, **145**, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai..) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
Those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 5:32 - 6:22 **(2)** Josh 5:1-12

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 107:37-42)

Then they sowed the fields
and planted vineyards
and ate fruits from them.
He blessed them and they increased;
their cattle never decreased.
Again they were diminished,
defeated and brought down low
by troubles - and great miseries.

He who pours contempt
on wicked rulers
and sends them away
through a desert with no way,
then brought comfort to His poor,
multiplied them like a flock
and increased their families.
The just see - and they are made glad.

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 7:1-13

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 33:12-13)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest people whose God is the Lord * those He chose as inheritance.
The Lord looks down from highest heav'n * and He can see all of mankind.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mk 11:27 - 12:12

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Noah prepared an ark that would save people from the destroying flood, prefiguring You who prepared Your Church as an ark to save us from the destroying flood of sin. May we all work actively to make Your Churches welcoming centres for all to experience salvation, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When Joshua brought Your people into the land You promised them, they renewed their commitment to You in the

covenant. As we prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery in which You made us Your people and gave us Your Kingdom, help us to turn back to You with all our hearts, to re-orient our lives to You and to live in closer covenant union, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: May our obedience to Your will never be satisfied with mere legalism and the formal letter of the law, but be inspired by the spirit of love for You and for others, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You have called us to be Your new vineyard, built on You, the Chief Cornerstone. May You always find in us the pleasing fruits of repentance, service and holiness that You seek, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: To all the departed, grant the remission of sins, the light of Your Kingdom, a share in Your eternal joys and the delight of Your blessed and everlasting life, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O Christ our God, teach us Your decrees and make us know Your laws. Give us the strength to observe them in spirit, not just in the letter, and help us to stand always before You, chaste and pure. Then we shall be well armed for this Great

Fast and fight the good fight all the days of our lives, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Praise God in His sanctuary. *(Ps 150:1)*

Whenever we hear
the most solemn words
at Christ's Mysteries,
when the holy sacrifice
is offered to God the Lord,
we all kneel with reverence
in the sight of God and say:
"Have mercy - on all Your servants!"

v: But we who live bless the Lord. *(Ps 114:26)*
Whenever we hear...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

All of you who are fasting
by abstaining from earth's wine,
come, draw near and partake in
the chalice of salvation.
The Body of Christ our Lord
is here now distributed. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Behold, the Medicine of Life is being distributed. Come forward, brethren: receive and live.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

May our penance and our prayers
make us fruitful in Your sight,
for You call us to become
Your new vineyard, O our Lord. **Amen.**

Give us tears, O Christ our Lord,
in these pleasing days of Fast
that we may repent and cleanse
the stains of our indolence. **Amen.**

Thus cleansed and turned back to You,
may we contemplate You, Lord,
when from heav'n You come as Judge
to pass judgment on us all. **Amen.**

May Your mercy and Your grace
be with us and all the world,
with the Church and her children
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

SECOND SATURDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Blest be Jesus Christ our Lord,
the holy, heav'nly Bridegroom,
who now comes and gives to us
His Body and precious Blood. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: we are heirs who have wandered far from the home of our Father. Come, share the treasures hidden in the Mysteries.

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, **146**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai..) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails:

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 96:13)
Because He comes / to bring judgment / upon the whole - - - earth. /
The just Judge shall come to test our hidden words and deeds. /
We fear the judgment of Him whom none can influence. /
But He Himself is the wise and loving Physician who can heal all our wounds. /

ll glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 7:1-24 **(2)** Josh 5:13 - 6:5

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 68:31-34)

Ethi-opi-a
shall stretch out its hands
to our God in prayer.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the season of the Great Fast.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Kingdoms of the earth,
sing praise to the Lord,
who rides the heavens!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From the East resounds
His almighty voice:
give glory to God!
With the hymns of the Spirit....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 7:14-25

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 6:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Punish me not in Your anger * nor chastise me, Lord, in Your wrath.
Lord, take pity on my sufferings * Heal me, Lord, for I am afraid.
My soul trembles in terror, Lord, * Save my life in Your kindness, Lord.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 20:17-28

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Compassionate God, who governs all things with tender mercy, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: When You wished to cleanse and recreate the world, You preserved the beginning of new life in the ark of Noah, which prefigures Your Church in this world. Keep us conscious of being Your new creation, bearers of Your new life for the world, and purify us of all sin during this Great Fast, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You sent Your angel to Joshua and Your people and were present with them through the ark. You helped them to conquer Jericho for You after they turned to You. Help Your Churches to turn fully to You, worshipping in spirit and in truth, and removing the sandals of all sin, that we may win the world for You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: As we willingly die to our sinful selves to rise in You through our Fast, may we become more faithful and generous servants to You and to the world in imitation of You, our Master, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: As we struggle with our weakness and feel the enticement of sin and the power of evil within us, fill us with the assurance of sharing in Your victory over sin and death, O Jesus Christ our Lord, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: When Your time approached, You set Your face resolutely towards Jerusalem without turning away from suffering; strengthen us in carrying our cross with You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop

Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord Jesus Christ, we ask You to accept the prayers and requests of Your sinful servants; forgive the sins of our past and keep us from falling into temptation in the days to come. May Your Cross keep Your Churches from evil and its power and be a source of victory and strength, that we may praise You at all times and seasons, Lord of all, forever.

R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries *(Thuyai...)*

v: Praise God in His sanctuary! *(Ps 150:1)*

There is only one great Pow'r
to whom all things must give praise
in the heavens and on earth:
Father, Son and Spirit blest!

v: In heaven and on the earth. *(Ps 113:6)*
There is only one great Pow'r...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

O give thanks to the Good One
who freely forgives our sins
for we share the Mysteries
which are praised by angel hosts.

We are like that younger son
whom the Father welcomed back.
Draw near now, repentant ones,
partake of God's Sacrifice.

We were exiles in bondage,
served in slavery to sin.
By His Passion, Christ freed us.
Take His Body; reign with Him!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: let us exult before our Saviour. We receive His holy Bread in His presence.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

Christ our God, accept our prayer
as You did the harlot's tears;
be pleased with our hymns of praise
as with her who kissed Your feet. **Amen.**

Grant us a conversion, Lord,
sincere and true as was hers.
Deem us also worthy of
the forgiveness of our sins. **Amen.**

Hear our worthless prayers, O Lord,
who received the Publican
and proclaimed him justified
as he repented in truth. **Amen.**

Banish from our hearts, we pray,
that self-praise and boasting of
the self-righteous Pharisee;
grant instead true compunction. **Amen.**

Let all people who have shared
in this holy Qurbana
find forgiveness of their sins
through Your mercy, Lord of all. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God,
this community and house,
this people, as we repent,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

THIRD MONDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Give thanks, people to the Son
in the midst of Holy Church,
for He gives as Gift to us
His Body and precious Blood. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: our Lord has prepared the life-giving chalice for us. Let us cleanse our hearts of all dead things.

THIRD TUESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Glory to the great Mercy
which sent You to us, O Christ,
who have given unto us
Your Body and precious Blood! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: if we are defiled, let us draw near to the Body and Blood which cleanses all our stains.

THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Blest the One who gave to us
a charter of our freedom
in the Gift of His Body,
and who truly washed away
the record of our great sins
by the Gift of His own Blood! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: let us sinners purify our hearts that Life may dwell in us!

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Christ now gives us His Body
and redeems us by His Blood.
We trust that He will grant us
to share His Resurrection! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: there is "fire" and "salt" in the Body and Blood. If you have not been preserved, approach and be kept from corruption.

THIRD FRIDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai..) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 9:8-29 **(2)** Josh 6:6-27

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 96:4-6)

God the Lord is great,
highly to be praised,
greater than all gods!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the season of the Great Fast.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Other nations' gods
are but vain idols.
God made the heavens.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Splendour and glory,
strength and praise reside
in His holy place!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Render to the Lord,
O all you peoples,
glory and honour!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 7:25 - 8:11

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 40:4-5)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest the one who trusts in the Lord, * who turns not to idolatry.

Nor to those who stray to falsehood. * Countless are Your mercies, Lord God.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mk 12:13-44

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are by nature immortal and dwell in resplendent Light; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You gave Noah the gift of the fruit of the vine, but it was abused. That all those who are struggling against alcoholism may be strengthened to become free, and that their families may be helped and healed, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Rahab and her family were spared at the destruction of Jericho because she had been faithful to the messengers of God. During this Great Fast, may we be strengthened and preserved as all our sins are destroyed, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: May we live always centred on Your Spirit which we bear within us rather than be absorbed by the concerns of the flesh, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Moved by Your commandment of love, may we all be as generous as the poor widow, giving all that we are and all that we have to render You and others what is just and due, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: To all the departed, grant the remission of sins, the light of Your Kingdom, a share in Your eternal joys and the delight of Your blessed and everlasting life, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O Lord Jesus Christ, be our strength and our help. May Your right hand sustain us and Your strength support us; we shall fight the good fight, obtain victory and merit the crown of victory with Your saints. Then we shall ceaselessly praise You, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: God is our refuge and strength. *(Ps 46:1)*
A good, safe harbour
and a strong refuge

is the Church of Christ.
She accepts and rescues those
who have fallen into sin
and are drowning as at sea.
She can offer salvation
by the pow'r - of the holy Cross!

v: He brings them to their desired harbour. *(Ps 107:30)*
A good, safe harbour....*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)
See the delight in fasting
which gives us strong nourishment:
to receive the Food of Life
we break not our fast with food.
The Body of Christ our Lord
is here now distributed. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Behold, the Medicine of Life is being distributed. Come forward, brethren: receive and live.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

May Your Spirit lead us, Lord,
not the pull of fallen flesh,
that we render You our due,
gen'rous like the poor widow. **Amen.**

Pour Your mercy on the world
so that all repent in deed;
soften sinners' hardened hearts
that Your sons return to You. **Amen.**

With our tears of compunction,
broken and repentant hearts,
may we know Your love within
and respond with love for You. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God,
this community and house,
this people, as we repent,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

THIRD SATURDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

O Christ, You are the one Hope
for salvation in our life.
By Your Body and Your Blood,
grant remission of our sins. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: eat and drink the Medicine of life in the Bread and Wine, and give thanks.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, **145**, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*
Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai..) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails:

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 104:5; 55:16)
You fixed the earth / most solidly / on its founda - - - tions. /
"He Who Is" willed to make all things, and they reveal Him. /

Some are seen, some unseen, and all are assumed in man /
that they may thank the One who made them and that they may come to be known through love. /

The Eternal / is He Who Is / before all a - - - ges. /
In His love, the Lord God created four elements: /
fire, water, earth and air, from which He made all things.
He thus reveals His glory and wisdom which created all from opposites. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 11:1-32 **(2)** Josh 6:27 - 7:15

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 53:3-5)

All have gone astray;
they became perverse;
now no one does good.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the season of the Great Fast.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

They admit no wrong,
those who would devour
My people like bread.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

They knew not the Lord
nor called on His Name;
then they had great fear.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son

and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 8:12-27

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 7:1-5)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lord, my God, in You I have hoped; * save me from those who pursue me.
Lest like lions they destroy me * with no one to deliver me.
Lord, my God, if I am at fault * if there is guilt on my own hands;
If I have done my foe evil * and oppressed my foes without cause,
Let the enemy pursue me * and lay my honour in the dust.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 21:23-46

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are rich in mercy and plentiful in goodness, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Men's arrogance led to the building of the tower of Babel. Help us to combat human pride and self-sufficiency, that we may realize that we cannot build heaven on earth, but can only repent and turn to You to receive the gift of Your Kingdom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When Joshua's men did not carry out Your will, they were not victorious in their struggles to possess the promised land. May Your people always be faithful in their lives to their new covenant union with You, that they may triumph over all evil and sin in the struggle of the Great Fast, and thus participate in Your Paschal victory, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You have made us adopted children of Your heavenly Father, filling us with Your divine Spirit, who always prays within us. May we always follow the guidance of that Spirit, that the whole creation may be renewed, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: By repentance, may we respond generously to the call to work in Your vineyard, that Your Churches may bear abundant fruits of holiness for the life and salvation of the world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Ocean of compassion and Fountain of mercy, grant us to live according to Your commandments. Then, defended by Your right hand and protected by Your mercy, we shall repent of our sins and atone for them by fasting and prayer. Grant us fruitful work in the mission of the Gospel, the good news that brings joy to the world. We shall glorify You by our works as faithful labourers in Your vineyard and praise You, Lord of all, for ever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: You have given a sign to those who reverence You. *(Ps 60:4)*
The gift of new life
is given to all
in the Holy Place.
Those whom sin has put to death
should with trust all draw near to
the life-giving Mysteries
which can quickly bring defeat
to Satan - our sly enemy!

v: To those who are upright in their hearts. *(Ps 124:4)*
The gift of new life...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)
Kings and prophets long desired
Your Body and saving Blood.
David yearned and petitioned,
but drank not the sought water.

Give thanks for to us is giv'n
to drink from Christ's pure chalice!

At the time of Elisha,
when the waters had turned bad,
salt came from a new vessel
and could heal the bitter wells.
The Son born from Mary's womb
heals the bitter wounds of sin.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: at the time of Elisha, light wood was cast down into a well and made a heavy object rise. *(2 Kgs 6:6)* Approach, receive the holy Gift which enables the recipient to rise up on the last day!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

You have made us Your vineyard,
sown with Your life-giving Word,
watered by the Spirit's grace:
may we bring forth fruit for You. **Amen.**

May Your Spirit deep within
intercede for all we need
that we know Your Father's love
and respond as free children. **Amen.**

Teach us how to fast and pray,
to be sanctified in truth,
mortifying our passions
that You, Lord, may live in us. **Amen.**

Help us in our combat, Lord,
that Your Spirit reign in us.
Turn us back to You again;
heal our wounds; forgive our sins. **Amen.**

Then our voices will praise You,
our ears hear Your words of life,
our hearts be Your pure temples,
our souls mirrors of Your grace. **Amen.**

May Your mercy and Your grace
be with us and all the world,
with the Church and her children
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

MIDDLE [Fourth] MONDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, **146**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai..) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 12:1-9 **(2)** Josh 7:16-26

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 10:13-18)

Why does the wicked
provoke the Lord God?
He says to himself:
"God won't ever punish me!"
But You do see what is bad.
You behold all in Your hands.
On You all the poor depend,
for You help - all the fatherless.

Break the sinners' pow'r;
punish wickedness;
let it not survive!

God is King for ever more,
and the heathens disappear.
Lord, You hear the poor man's prayer;
You defend those suffering
so that man - terrify no more.

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 9:1-13

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 65:4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest the one You choose and carry * to dwell with You, in Your courts, Lord.
He shall be filled with the good things * of Your house and holy Temple.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: John 5:1-18

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are glorified in heaven and worshipped on earth; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: In obedience to Your call, Abraham, our father in faith, left all that was familiar and set out on a journey of trust, prefiguring You fulfilling Your Father's will in the Paschal Mystery. May Your Churches be ever and only attentive to Your will in all things, never accommodating themselves to the spirit and comforts of this world, but seeking and proclaiming Your Kingdom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Under Joshua's leadership, Your people took great pains to see that no evil motives contaminated their dedication to You. During this Great Fast, may all Your Churches strive conscientiously to purify their intentions and renew their zeal as Your new people, driving out all that is unworthy of You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Paul felt great love and zeal for the salvation of all people. Fill all Your Churches with an effective desire to work for the salvation of the whole world and all peoples, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Your cure of the paralytic at the Pool of Bethesda prefigured Your wondrous freeing of the human race from the paralysis of sins and death through Your Paschal Mystery in Your ever-flowing love. As we prepare to celebrate it, may we all renew our baptismal commitment and use the new freedom You have given us to help set others free, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the repose of the souls of Your departed servants, that to them may be remitted every transgression, both voluntary and involuntary, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O Christ, mediator between the Father and ourselves, You have taken our nature upon Yourself and made known to us the mystery of Your divine nature, enabling us to share in it. You pardoned the sins of the paralytic and healed his illness; he carried his litter and walked away, glorifying God. Forgive us also our sins and inscribe Your teachings on our hearts; then we shall follow You joyfully, carry our cross and thank You, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: The world and all who dwell in it. *(Ps 24:1)*

Ev'ry creature sings
canticles of praise
and gives thanks to Him
who by His most glo-rious Fast
freed us from error and sin.
He went to the wilderness
where He endured temptation
and fought there - with our devil foe!

v: From the rising of the sun to its setting. *(Ps 50:1)*
Ev'ry creature sings...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

O Good Shepherd, who brought back
and gathered Your scattered sheep,
by Your Body and Your Blood,
grant remission of our sins. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: what can we ever give to God in thanksgiving for all His goodness to our human race? Come, let us give ourselves to Him by receiving the Mysteries.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

Strengthen our wills, Lord, we pray,
that we fall not on the way,
that sin's dread paralysis
not hold us from Your Kingdom. **Amen.**

Grant us joy of heart to walk
in Your laws with love and faith.
Gird us with Your Cross of life -
strip away our selfishness. **Amen.**

By this Great Fast, guide us, Lord,
toward Your promised land of hope.
Gen'rously with trust and love,
may we follow where You lead. **Amen.**

May You mark us all, O Christ,
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and save us from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

MIDDLE [Fourth] TUESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai..) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins

those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 12:10 - 13:7 **(2)** Josh 8:1-17

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 117:6-13)

God is my Helper:
I am not afraid!
The Lord will help me.
I shall see my foes' defeat.
Place Your trust in God - not men.
Trust God more than the leaders.
All nations surrounded me
in God's Name - I defeated them!

They surrounded me
on my every side,
yet in the Lord's Name
I was able to triumph.
They swarmed forth like angry bees
but were burned like thorns in fire.
I was pressed and was falling
but the Lord - came as my Helper!

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 9:14-29

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 84:6-7)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest is he whose strength You are, Lord * His heart shall be set on Your ways.
He lives in the vale of sadness; * The Lawgiver sends His blessings.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: John 5:19-47

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are by nature good, and from You all good things come; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: When Abraham was not truthful, problems followed for others. Grant that Your followers may avoid all falsehood and deceit, always speaking and doing the truth in love, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Following Your directions, Joshua and his people managed to outwit their cunning enemy. Help all Your faithful to be more attentive to Your word and more zealous in putting it into practice, that they may escape the wicked snares of the

evil one in their struggles during the Great Fast, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When Your wishes and decisions seem harsh and we are confused about the wisdom and justice of Your ways in our lives, teach us to respond always with loving trust and generous surrender, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Your voice has the power to raise the dead. May Your word reach into the hearts of all who are spiritually dead during this Great Fast, lead them to repentance and grant them a share in the new life You have won by Your Paschal Mystery, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: That You may grant all the departed to rest where all Your just and saints repose, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O Good One, Lover of Mankind, make Your glorious light shine upon us so that we may come to You with a childlike confidence. Do not leave us alone to fight the enemy, who spies on us in order to suffocate Your Word of life within us, but be with us today and all the days of our lives, and we shall praise You, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries (Brihithon)

v: Let us come before Him with thanksgiving. *(Ps 95:2)*

Fruits of repentance
let us offer Christ,
who is God of all.
And by fasting, prayer and alms,
and our efforts for the poor,
all our works of penitence,
let us all seek mercy from
our Saviour - who is the just Judge!

v: Pour out your hearts before Him. *(Ps 62:8)*

In the abundance
of His great mercy,
may He find us all
worthy to draw near with praise
to His awesome Majesty.
It is He who in His love
has granted remission of
all our sins - and our trespasses.

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Blest is He who entrusted
to His holy Church's care
the Myst'ry of His blest death
and holy Resurrection. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: we have been sanctified by water and the Spirit; and we obtain life from Christ's Body and Blood.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

Lord, may Your life-giving voice
touch where death rules us within,
and fill us with Your new life
that we witness to Your love. **Amen.**

You shall come as Judge one day,
saving those who trust in You.
May our Fast turn us to You;
grant us true repentance, Lord. **Amen.**

May we trust Your word and will,
even when, with fallen minds,
we cannot Your goal discern,
may we then go on in faith. **Amen.**

May Your grace abound in us.
May Your right hand be outstretched
to provide and to protect
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

MIDDLE [Fourth] WEDNESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, **145**, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 13:8-18 **(2)** Josh 8:18-29

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 66:3-5)

Your power is so great
that Your enemies
all submit to You!
With the hymns of the Spirit

let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the season of the Great Fast.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

All earth worships You;
they sing praise to You,
ever praise Your Name!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

They say: Come and see
the wonders God worked
for the sons of men!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 9:30 - 10:17

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 89:15-16)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest are those who sing Your praises * Lord, Your face sheds light on their way.
Daily they rejoice in Your Name, * In Your justice they are all glad.
You are the glory of our strength; * and Your grace shall exalt our horn.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: John 6:51-70

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are rich in mercy and plentiful in goodness, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Abraham allowed his nephew Lot to make the first choice of the best land for himself; You blessed his generosity and granted him land and descendants forever. May we practise kindness, respect and deferential service to all, thus receiving Your blessing and the gift of Your Kingdom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When Joshua obeyed You and lifted up his spear of wood, You granted him victory over the enemy king. Grant that our fasting and repentance may lead us to submit to Your will in everything, to lift up the weapon of Your Cross, and to overcome all the powers of the evil one, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Through our efforts during this Great Fast, may our lives be led more and more by faith, that we may never be satisfied with mere formalism nor minimal legalism in our religion, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
D: May the nourishment we receive from the holy Gifts of Your Body and Blood and Your words that are eternal life, Lord,

orient our lives toward Your Kingdom, that they not be centred on the things of earth, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Remember all the members of our Church who have fallen asleep in the hope of resurrection to eternal life, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Good Shepherd, who came to look for the lost sheep, loving Master who fasted to teach us that we do not live on bread alone, grant that we may not become slaves of our passions. Be for us the food that does not perish, and the drink that quenches our thirst forever. We shall acknowledge and believe in You alone, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon....Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Whoever is wise, will observe these things. *(Ps 107:43)*

It is most fitting
that body and heart
should both keep the Fast.
While the body fasts from food,
then the heart should fast from sin.
Worthless would that fasting be
if of food we are empty,
but our hearts - are filled with evil.

v: Come, you children, and listen me. *(Ps 34:11)*
It is most fitting...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai..)*

May our Fast be pleasing to
Your Divinity, O Christ,
who have granted unto us
Your Body and precious Blood! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: He gave a burning Coal to the prophet Isaiah, which was a foreshadowing of the Mystery of His Death.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Christ called us to cherished bliss
which will never pass nor end.
This He promised in His words
to His gathered disciples. **Amen.**

"Amen. Amen," said Jesus,
"One who eats My Body now,
drinks My Blood, remains in Me
and I shall remain in him." **Amen.**

"I shall raise him at the end;
he will never be condemned;
he shall pass from death to life
and enjoy eternal bliss." **Amen.**

May we all be marked by Christ
with His sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

MIDDLE [Fourth] THURSDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, **146**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 14:1-17 **(2)** Josh 8:30-35

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 76:10-12)

Men's thoughts shall praise You;
their wrath is restrained
and they keep Your feasts!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the season of the Great Fast.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Make and keep your vows
to the Lord, your God,
all who surround Him!
With the hymns of the Spirit

Offer gifts to Him,
the most Awesome One,
who humbles all kings.
With the hymns of the Spirit

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 10:17 - 11:12

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 95:12-13)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest the one whom You instruct, Lord * whom You teach the ways of Your law.
You grant him rest from evil days * till the pit be dug for sinners.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: John 7:1-13

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Compassionate God, who governs all things with tender mercy, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Your friend Abraham rescued his nephew Lot and his family who had been taken captive in wars among earthly powers. May Your Churches always refrain from selfish worldly politics, but be ever ready to help, relieve and save those who are harmed by the evils of this age, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When Joshua brought the people to freedom, he rededicated them to You as he renewed the covenant. He spoke Your words to all. Thus, he foreshadowed You, O Jesus, who have saved us all by Your Paschal Mystery, rededicated us as the new People of God and gave us the new and everlasting covenant. May we renew it as we celebrate the coming Mysteries during great and holy week with You, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Your words lead us to a deep faith that brings about our salvation. May our fasting and prayer open our eyes that we may see, open our ears that we may hear, and soften our hardened hearts that we may always welcome Your word and respond generously to it, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You came to Jerusalem at the Feast of Tabernacles, which recalls the stay in the wilderness after the Deliverance from Egypt and the giving of the covenant. You were about to fulfill this in Your Paschal Mystery. As we stay in the Tabernacle of the Church after our deliverance from death and sin and celebrate our new covenant, may we always live as pilgrims in this world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Grant rest to all the departed with Your saints where the light of Your face shines and have mercy on them, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord, strengthen our faith, hope and love. Give us strength and holiness in these pure and holy days of fasting, lead us to Your presence by perfect lives so that we may joyfully meet You on the feast of Your glorious and victorious third-day resurrection, and praise and thank You, O Light of our lives, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon....Karthavil Jnan...)
v: In You they trusted, and You delivered them. *(Ps 22:4)*
When they kept a Fast,
all the Ninivites
were pleasing to You;
and You granted remission
of their sins, O our Saviour.
Even infants kept the Fast,
abstaining from food and drink.
Their mothers - wept and repented.

v: They cried to You and were delivered. *(Ps 22:5)*
And when You had seen
their Fast was sincere,
done with their whole heart,
and their prayers were coming from
hearts repentant and contrite,

You were moved in Your great depths
and in mercy, You replied,
O Lover - of those who repent.

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Blest is He who by His death
has delivered Death to death,
and restored life to us all
through His glorious Mysteries! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: innocent Blood flowed from His side and reconciled His Father with all His creatures.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Only Son and Word of God,
You humbled Yourself in love
to lift us to Your Kingdom
to dwell in Your bles-sed Tent. **Amen.**

In Your Paschal Mystery
You emptied Yourself fully
that we be enriched and filled
with the Gift of Your own life. **Amen.**

May our trust then be in You
that we know Your salvation.
Teach us to live for You, Lord,
as You lived and died for us. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God.
this community and house,
this people as we repent
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

MIDDLE [Fourth] FRIDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...)(Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 14:18 - 15:15 **(2)** Josh 9:1-14

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 72:10-12)

The kings of Tharshish
and of the islands
offer gifts to Him.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the season of the Great Fast.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

The kings of Sheba
and those of Seba
bring presents to Him.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

All kings worship Him;
and all the nations
shall be His servants.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 11:25-36

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 145:5-6)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blest the one helped by Jacob's God * whose hope is in the Lord his God.
The God who made both earth and heav'n, * the sea and all that is in them.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: John 7:14-36

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Melchizedek, the priest and king of Ur Salem, prefigured You, O our Lord, as he blessed Abraham, our father in faith, and offered bread and wine. May we always seek Your blessing as our great High Priest, King and God, and be constantly nourished by the Holy Gifts You offer, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: By failing to consult You, Lord, Joshua made an alliance with deceptive, hostile powers. May we always seek Your wisdom in the decisions we make, the values we adopt and the compromises we enter, lest we allow sin to weaken our relationship with You and others, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Paul praises the wisdom of Your ways, although they are often mysterious and unfathomable. Teach us to see Your mercy at work in us and in the world, even when Your ways seem hidden and confusing, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When You spoke in the Temple, people had to make a decision about You in their lives. May Your word proclaimed in Your Churches today continue to challenge us to change, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: To all the departed, grant the remission of sins, the light of Your Kingdom, a share in Your eternal joys and the delight of Your blessed and everlasting life, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Lord God, enable us to address our pure praise to You and to meditate on Your divine teachings, for they are a balm for our wounds and remedy for our souls, which come to You shedding tears of repentance. Grant that we may prepare ourselves for the feast of Your resurrection with pure hearts and consciences, so that we may meet You here in joy in happiness, and there we shall joyfully praise You with all Your chosen ones, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon....Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Hear this, all people. *(Ps 49:1)*

Because of the Fast
that Jonah had preached,
Niniveh was saved.
By their prayer and entreaty
the angel of death turned back.
By repentance, let us seek
refuge in the Church and ask
for mercy - to escape dark sin.

v: You say: "Return, you children of men." *(Ps 90:3)*
Because of the Fast...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Blest are those who keep the Fast;
they shall have a double bliss:
one from holy fasting's pow'r,
one from the living Myst'ry.

The Body of Christ our Lord
is here now distributed.
Let us all draw near with love,
receive it and we shall live.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: behold, the Medicine of Life is being distributed. Approach, receive and live!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Lord, accept our fast and prayer;
may it be acceptable.
May our lives be like incense,
consumed in love in Your sight. **Amen.**

May we all repent and change
while there is time in this world;
for when You, the Bridegroom, come,
the Kingdom's door shall be closed. **Amen.**

O Alap and the Thaw,
our beginning and our end,
let all people turn to You
to find life and light and truth. **Amen.**

May Your mercy and Your grace
be with us and all the world,
with the Church and her children
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

FOURTH SATURDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed be our great Saviour
who grants pardon for our sins
by His Body and His Blood
which can sanctify all things. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: behold the Gift which freely grants pardon; receive and be purified by it.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, **145**, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails:

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 46:1)
The Lord our God / is our refuge / and our firm strong - - - hold./
This is the time for our salvation, so hope in God! /
Freed from the faults and failings we commit in this world, /
let us place our trust in God that we shall receive the remission of our sins. /

He is our help / ever present / in time of dis - - - tress! /
Be always watchful, your loins girt, your lamps burning bright /
that at all times you may be worthy of that bliss /
which he promised to those good servants whom He would find vigilant at His coming. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit! /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 16:1-16 **(2)** Josh 9:15-27

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 137:4-6)

O Lord, all earth's kings
shall give praise to You
when they hear Your word.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the season of the Great Fast.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

They praise the Lord's ways,
for great and most high
is the Lord's glory!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

God is exalted
yet sees the lowly,
knows the proud afar.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 12:1-21

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 26:6-9)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
I wash my hands in innocence * and go around Your altar, Lord.
I give voice to my thanksgiving * and recount Your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house You dwell in * Gather me not with the sinners.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: John 7:37-52; 8:12-20

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are by nature good, and from You all good things, come; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You sent an angel to direct, console and protect Hagar and Ishmael when they were unjustly persecuted by Sarah. Make Your Churches Your messengers to work for justice, for the upholding of human dignity and human rights against all forms of oppression, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Joshua and the people had to be reconciled with the Gibeonites who had deceived them. May we have the wisdom to accept situations that cannot be changed and the courage to improve what can be bettered, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: May we join You in Your self-offering to the Father for the life of the world, offering ourselves as living and acceptable sacrifices to You, making available to others the gifts and talents You have entrusted to us in sincere and active love, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Grant us a renewed faith in You as the true Light of the world, sent to us by the Father. In Your light, may we know You and ourselves as we really are. May Your loving light shine forth and transform us and the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Glory to You, O Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the world. The one who follows You will not walk in darkness. Just as the sun rises and sheds light on all, so may You dawn ever more brightly in our hearts during this Great Fast. Then we shall be truly enlightened by You, and we shall attain the great Morning when we shall glorify You with all Your Saints, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon....Karthavil Jnan...)
v: We will give You thanks for ever. *(Ps 79:13)*

Our whole human race
renders thanks to You,
O our living God!
By Your gift, we are worthy
to obtain Your great mercy,
to praise You with angel hosts
and receive Your blest Body,
which gives life - to our mortality.

v: For the sake of Your mercy and Your truth. *(Ps 114:9)*
Our whole human race...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

The people of Israel
sacrificed the Lamb of Life,
then the Gentiles later came
and they were refreshed by it.

Chosen Israel caught, killed
and prepared a meal for us:
it became for them judgment
but life-giving joy for us.

Praise God in His holy place:
Christ, who gives us His Body.
Praise Him in His firmament:
Christ, who gives us His Body.

This Manna which has been kept
has not become corrupted
for it is preserved for us
at the order of the Lord.

Come, receive the holy Gifts
which restore a good odour
to those decayed and made foul
in the line of Adam's name.

Those who ate manna before
wand'ring in the wilderness,
now are dead for they complained
and rejected gifts of grace.

Come and take the living Bread;
repay grace with thanksgiving.
Praise Him for His Majesty:
Christ who gives us His Body.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: let us give thanks in the holy Church to Christ, who gives us His Body.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Blest are You, O heav'nly King,
who with Your resplendent Light
have enlightened Your creatures
that we may see all in You. **Amen.**

You are Light from Light, we know,
the true Light of this whole world.
Drive us from us all darkness, Lord,
and the shadow of our sins. **Amen.**

You gave us this bles-sed Fast
that we may renounce ourselves
and turn back to You with love,
following the way of light. **Amen.**

Teach us what the Cross should mean
in a life of sacrifice,
to control our wild passions
and serve You and others, Lord. **Amen.**

May deceit and carelessness
never dominate our lives;
let Your light and wisdom, Lord,
help us to discern aright. **Amen.**

May we all be marked by You,
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and be saved from all darkness
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

FIFTH MONDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Blest is He who entrusted
to His holy Church's care
the Myst'ry of His blest death
and holy Resurrection. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: it is fitting for us to give thanks to the One who came down and save us!

FIFTH TUESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

O Good Shepherd, who brought back
and gathered Your scattered sheep,

by Your Body and Your Blood,
grant remission of our sins. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

O Christ, through You we have obtained spiritual armour to overcome the strength of the enemy.

FIFTH WEDNESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

May our Fast be pleasing to
Your Divinity, O Christ,
who have granted unto us
Your Body and precious Blood! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: the heavenly Bridegroom invites us to His wedding feast. Come, let us be adorned spiritually.

FIFTH THURSDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Blest is He who by His death
has delivered Death to death,
and restored life to us all
through His glorious Mysteries! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: the Good One, formed us from the dust of the earth. By His Body and Blood, may He renew His image in us.

FIFTH FRIDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, **146**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: (**1**) Gen 18:1-19 (**2**) Josh 14:6-15

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 46:10-12)

He stops wars on earth;
He breaks spears and bows
and burns chariots.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the season of the Great Fast.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Stop your wars and know
that I am true God,
praised among nations!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

The Lord God of hosts
is indeed with us,
Jacob's God our Help!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 13:1-14

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 15:1-2)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Who shall dwell in Your blest tent, Lord * or dwell on Your holy mountain?
He who walks upright in justice, * speaks the truth and tells no slander.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: John 8:31-59

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You visited Your servant Abraham, who received You with hospitality, and prefigured to Him the mystery of Your glorious Trinity. May we always practise hospitality and welcome to all, seeing and serving You in them, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Because Caleb was loyal to You and encouraged the people to carry out Your will, You blessed him abundantly. May we always consider ourselves to be labourers in Your vineyard, encouraging and collaborating with our fellow Christians to call all to repentance and the possession of Your Kingdom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Aware that Your Kingdom is coming in its fullness, may we truly love one another, bearing each other's burdens and maturely cooperating and interacting with our civil and ecclesiastical leaders, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The people wished to kill You when displeased with the challenge of Your words. May we never allow Your message and teachings to die or be disbelieved in us or in others by our hardness of heart, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: To all the departed, grant the remission of sins, the light of Your Kingdom, a share in Your eternal joys and the delight of Your blessed and everlasting life, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, during this Great Fast may we quell the inclinations and passions of the body, purify our hearts of hatred, jealousy, pride and anger, arm ourselves with justice and holiness, and proceed on the way of perfection. Then shall we glorify You at all times, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon....Karthavil Jnan...)
v: O come, let us sing to the Lord! *(Ps 95:1)*

Let us purify
the thoughts of our hearts.
Let repentant tears
cleanse us from the stains of sin
that we may offer to Christ
a pure victim, undefiled:
contrite spirit, humbled heart,
for it is - pleasing sacrifice.

v: Create in me a clean heart, O God. *(Ps 51:10)*

On the judgment day,
when our Lord returns,
the seat will be set
for the awesome judgment of
all the people in the world.
Let us try now to repent
so that on that day our Lord
show mercy - to all His servants!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

It befits a holy mouth
to receive the Heav'nly Bread,

for an unclean mouth is filled
with pride and all greediness.

The Body of Christ our Lord
is here now distributed.
Let us all draw near with love,
receive it and we shall live.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: behold, the Medicine of Life is being distributed. Approach, receive and live!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Give us self-denial, Lord,
fast without hypocrisy,
prayer in secret known to You
and almsgiving to the poor. **Amen.**

Take from us the robe of sin,
clothe us with Your own pure light.
Lead us in our struggle, Lord,
to the hoped-for victory. **Amen.**

May You pour Your blessings forth,
Your compassion and Your love,
upon us, Your chosen ones,
who are sheep of Your own flock. **Amen.**

May Your grace abound in us.
May Your right hand be outstretched
to provide and to protect
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

FIFTH SATURDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

He Himself has surrendered
His Body to death for us,

as a Food that reconciles
mankind with His Majesty. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: come and receive the Mystery of expiation which grants life and forgives sins.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails:

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 55:17; 34:1)
At eventide / and the morning / and at the noon - - - day. /
O our Lord, grant to us in Your great mercy that we /
may be labourers in the vineyard of Your Gospel. /
May we receive the talent of doctrine from the treasury of Your sacred books. /

At all moments / in ev'ry hour / indeed at all - - - times. /
May our lamps be always filled with the oil of love /
lest we should become like the five foolish virgins. /
O our heavenly Bridegroom, grant that we may enter into Your bridal chamber ! /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit! /
O Saviour, receive our prayer and hear our plea in love. /
May Your Cross be our wall against the foe and his hosts. /
As good servants, may we praise You who are worthy of praise and glory from all lips. /

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 19:1-7, 9-26 **(2)**Josh 21:43 - 22:9

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 105:42-45)

For He remembered
His sacred promise
made to Abraham.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the season of the Great Fast.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

He freed His people
amid songs of joy,
His sons with gladness!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

He gave others' lands,
let them take their fields
that they keep His laws.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 14:10-23

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 88:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Lord, my God, by day I cry out * at night, I clamor before You.
Let my prayer come to Your presence * turn to me as I plead for help.
For my soul is filled with troubles * and my life draws near to Sheol.
They think me going to the Pit * and I am one who has no strength.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: John 9:39 - 10:21

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are by nature immortal and dwell in resplendent Light; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord, Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed externally because they had already destroyed themselves internally by their wickedness in refusing to live in Your love. You sent Your angels to deliver the righteous Lot and his family, for he had tried to protect goodness and innocence in the midst of a corrupt society. May all Your Churches and Your

faithful strive to purify and improve the quality of life in our country, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You fulfilled all Your promises made to Joshua and the people; they had trusted You and obeyed all Your commands. May our lives always be lived according to Your teachings, that we may enjoy the fulfillment of all Your promises, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You teach us through blessed Paul to serve our neighbours, bearing their weaknesses with patience and love and striving to live in harmony with one another. Grant the help of Your Spirit to carry this out and to repent for our failures, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You showed Yourself to be the Good Shepherd who lays down Your life for us, Your sheep. May all the clergy of Your Churches strive to pattern themselves on You, seeking only the security, nourishment, guidance and well-being of the flocks You have entrusted to them; and may the faithful cooperate maturely and actively with their pastors, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd, You walked among us to bring back the lost sheep and to gather all people into one flock under the guidance of You, the one Shepherd. Gather us around You in one mind and one heart as we celebrate Your Holy Mysteries. Accept our prayer and fasting as we repent, O Saviour, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon....Karthavil Jnan...)
v: Bless the Lord, O you His angels! *(Ps 103:20)*
King of all ages,
You are exalted
with unceasing praise
by the holy Cherubim
and the awesome Seraphim,
for in Your mercy and love,
You have obtained salvation
for the whole - of the human race!

v: You His ministers, who do His will. *(Ps 103:21)*
King of all ages...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam....)
Age to age shall tell Your works
and declare Your mighty pow'r.
They shall speak of Your glory.
I shall tell of Your greatness
while the heav'nly angel hosts
stand with reverence and fear.

They sing praises to His Name
and with wonder they call out
with us all in holy hymns:
"Holy is the Lord, our God!
Glorious is the Holy One
who exists before all time!"

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: let us give thanks to the Son of the King, who came down to us, and in His goodness gave our human race the wondrous gift of His awesome Mysteries.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

O Good Shepherd of Your flock,
guard Your Churches in Your love
from the devil and his wolves
for we place our trust in You. **Amen.**

May we recognize Your voice
and obey Your loving words;
keep us from the stranger's snares
that we may avoid his ways. **Amen.**

You lay down Your life for us
that we may have life in You.
May we live our lives for You,
as true sheep of Your own fold. **Amen.**

You came to the world to give
life that never shall decay:
teach us through this holy Fast
we live not by bread alone. **Amen.**

For us You fasted and prayed,
gave us Your Body and Blood.
May we all turn back to You;
let repentance lead to love. **Amen.**

May Your grace abound in us.
May Your right hand be outstretched
to provide and to protect
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

SIXTH MONDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Blest is He who entrusted
to His holy Church's care
the Myst'ry of His blest death
and holy Resurrection. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: the great High Priest has offered His own Blood as a sacrifice. Through Him, the sickness of our souls is healed.

SIXTH TUESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

O Good Shepherd, who brought back
and gathered Your scattered sheep,
by Your Body and Your Blood,
grant remission of our sins. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: Body of Christ is the Bread of Life. All who receive it shall overcome death.

SIXTH WEDNESDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

May our Fast be pleasing to
Your Divinity, O Christ,
who have granted unto us
Your Body and precious Blood! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: the heavenly King has been reconciled with us. Be calm, all you who were afraid.

SIXTH THURSDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Blest is He who by His death
has delivered Death to death,
and restored life to us all
through His glorious Mysteries! .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: our Lord has made us His pure temples. Let us purify our hearts from the poison of death.

SIXTH FRIDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, **145**, 146

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 146:11)*

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love.

OR:

Come to help us, O our Lord,
the God of our salvation.
Grant forgiveness of our sins
for the glory of Your Name.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 19:27-30 **(2)** Josh 22:10-20

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 100:39-43)

They defiled themselves
with their own hands' work,
wanton in their crimes,
faithless in idolatry.

The Lord's people angered Him.
He abhorred His heritage,
gave them into Gentile hands
and their foes - came and ruled them all.

Those that hated them
and their enemies
oppressed them sorely.
They were placed in subjection
to the hands of the foreign foes
and were humbled bitterly
under cruel hostility.
Many times - did God rescue them.

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 15:1-13

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 17:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Hear, Lord, attend to my outcry * My prayer rises from blameless lips.
From You let my judgment come forth * for Your eyes behold what is right.
You have tested my heart, O Lord, * You have searched it throughout the night.
Though You try me with fire, O Lord, * You shall find no malice in Me.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: John 11:1-45

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with repentance and earnestness, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are glorified in heaven and worshipped on earth; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: As man, You grieved and wept over Your friend Lazarus when he died; and as God You brought him out of the tomb by Your life-giving voice. Be the resurrection and life of all Your beloved friends who die in faith and hope, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: By a word, You called Adam to Paradise, and by a word You called Lazarus from the tomb. May we always be attentive to Your life-giving words and build our lives upon them, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When You raised Lazarus from the dead, You ordered Your Apostles to unbind him and set him free. May Your Churches always collaborate with You in setting the human race free from all bondage and suffering, that people may freely develop in Your image, according to Your likeness, as children of Your Father, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When Mary and Martha wept at Your feet, Your love moved You to restore Lazarus to life. May the constant prayer of Your Churches and their faith in You as the life and resurrection of all, call down Your mercy upon those who are suffering or caught in the death of sin, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O living One, You raised up Lazarus before entering into Your Paschal Mystery to teach us that all which You are to

suffer, You are doing for each of us. May we accompany You in loving spirit through Your Mysteries in the coming week, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: To all the departed, grant the remission of sins, the light of Your Kingdom, a share in Your eternal joys and the delight of Your blessed and everlasting life, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O Christ, You raised Lazarus from the dead and revealed that You are the Resurrection and the Life. Create in us a spirit of repentance, so that we might live pure and good lives and share in Your glorious resurrection. We shall then give unceasing praise to You at all times, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon....Karthavil Jnan...)
v: O come, let us sing to the Lord. *(Ps 95:1)*

Let us all prepare
our souls and bodies
by the holy Fast,
and please our Creator God,
from our bodies banish greed,
from our souls all wicked thoughts.
Let us learn self-discipline
by holy - and spiritual deeds!

v: Let us come before Him, with thanksgiving. *(Ps 95:2)*
Let us all prepare...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Let us not receive this Gift
carelessly without respect
for it is a Mystery.
In it there is hidden life
through the Holy Spirit's work
who descended upon it.

Take courage and be strengthened;
come, approach this Mystery:
the Body of Christ, our Lord,
is here now distributed.
Let us all draw near with love,
receive it and we shall live.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: behold, the Medicine of Life is being distributed. Approach, receive and live!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Just before Your Passion, Lord,
You showed us that You do all
for the life and salvation
of each one of Your faithful. **Amen.**

When You raised up Lazarus
from the dead, O Christ our God,
You prefigured the future
resurrection of us all. **Amen.**

Your voice once freed Lazarus
from death's chains and gave him life.
Bring to life those slain by sin,
grant us life that will not pass. **Amen.**

May You mark us all, O Christ,
with Your sign of life, the Cross,
and save us from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

SIXTH SATURDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Bendan Sapra...)*

Every creature has become
a living voice which now shouts
praise to the Son of David.
Let us also offer praise,
singing our loud Hosannas
with Jerusalem's children. .... *(Repeat)*

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: sound the trumpets for the arrival of the Bridegroom, who is now drawing near.

OSANA SUNDAY

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 144, 145, **146**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 52:8)*

I am like an olive tree,
glorious in the house of God.
And I have placed all my trust
in the mercy of my God.

OR:

Bles-sed is the One who comes,
came before and yet will come
in the Name of God the Lord!
Osana in the highest!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails:

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 118:1; 124:4)
Bles-sed are those / who are blameless / in the way they - - - go/
Bles-sed indeed are the children who were worthy /

to see Christ entering Jerusalem, seated on a colt. /
Osana in the heights to the Son of David who comes in the name of the Lord! /

And all of those / who are upright / in their inner - - - hearts. /
The children were praising Him with olive branches. /
With branches and harps, they sang to the Son of David: /
Osana in the heights to the Son of David who comes in the name of the Lord! /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - - rit! /
The bodiless Powers heard the children's joyful voices
and they all joined in singing together and saying:
Osana in the heights to the Son of David who comes in the name of the Lord! /

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 49:1-12, 22-26
(2) Zech 4:8-14; 7:9-10; 8:4-5, 12-19; 9:9-12

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn:

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)

Then shall all the trees
of the vast forest
exult with great joy!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
Christ's entrance to Jerus'lem.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

In the presence of
the Lord who has come
to judge all the earth!
With the hymns of the Spirit....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Rom 11:13-24

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn: *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 8:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
O Lord, our Lord how excellent * is Your Name over all the earth.
For Your glory is exalted * above the highest heavens.
From the mouths of babes and infants * You found Your praise before Your foes.
To bring silence to the hostile * and to stop those who are vengeful.
For they can behold Your heavens: * the moon and stars which You fashioned.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 20:29 - 21:22

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are glorified in heaven and worshipped on earth; we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord Jesus Christ, when Your Passion was approaching, You went ahead to Jerusalem and humbled Yourself, riding on a

little donkey to enter the holy city. Make us worthy to acknowledge You always as our God and Saviour, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When You came near Jerusalem where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, You were acclaimed by the people with loud 'Osana's. Grant us at Your Second Coming from heaven to go out to meet You with palms of praise in the midst of 'Osana's, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: May all who celebrate this feast bless You as the children blessed You. May the day come when all the human race will bless You with one voice, crying out: "Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, our King and Saviour!", we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: When You entered the holy city, Jerusalem, as King, claiming it as Your own, You purified the Temple, the heart of Your people. As we take up branches to honour You, claim us, enter our homes as King and purify Your Churches of all that is unworthy of Your glory, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The same people acclaiming You with palms and 'Hosanna's' will later call for You to be crucified. May our faith and dedication, symbolized by our branches, always remain strong and true that we never betray You by our words or deeds, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.

R: Have mercy on us, O Lord

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Saviour, Jesus Christ, grant that while carrying the noble and divine branches of faith and palms of praise, we may be clothed in the garments of justice and holiness with love, that at Your Second Coming with all Your saints, we may praise You with earnestness and spiritual joy, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon....Karthavil Jnan...)
v: O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is Your Name over all the earth! *(Ps 8:1)*

The Hebrew children
beyond their nature
spoke out and rebuked
lack of faith in their fathers.
With wonder, they praised the One
who came seated on a colt
as He sits upon the clouds.
Osana! - Blest is He who comes!

v: To declare the Name of the Lord in Zion. *(Ps 102:21)*

Together with them
we also cry out
in loud 'Osana's!
Blest is He who is coming
and one day shall come again
in the Name of God the Lord
with great glory to save us.
Osana! - Blest is He who comes!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Countless nations yearned with faith
to behold and then receive
the Gift of these Mysteries
which are set before us now.

This is the Body which was
broken for our redemption,
the Blood of the Covenant
shed for our own salvation.

This is the life-giving Coal
which with fire once touched the lips
of the prophet Isaiah,
cleansing him from sins and debts.

He'll tie His colt to the vine,
His young donkey to the branch.
With one voice, we all praise Him
and we sing: Alleluia!

He will cleanse His robe in wine,
with the blood of grapes His cloak.
With one voice, we all praise Him
and we sing: Alleluia!

Brighter than wine are His eyes,
whiter than milk are His teeth.
With one voice, we all praise Him
and we sing: Alleluia!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: with care and holiness, let us approach Christ and receive Him in His holy Mysteries; and with the bodiless angels and the holy Cherubim, united in one voice, let us praise Him and say: Alleluia!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai..)*

As You accepted the praise
and the children's 'Osana's,
so accept our Qurbana
on this feast of Your Entrance. **Amen.**

In the heav'ns You ride upon
the throne of the Cherubim,
You humbled Yourself today
to ride on an ass, O Lord. **Amen.**

The Church hastens to meet You
who have come as her Bridegroom;
she accompanies You now
as You begin Your Passion. **Amen.**

When You come again one day
in Your glory, with Your saints,
may our hands still hold our palms
and our hearts then welcome You. **Amen.**

Wearing wedding garments then,
holding palms and lighted lamps,
with You we shall enter the
heavenly Jerusalem. **Amen.**

As You claimed Jerusalem
and cleansed Your blest Temple, Lord,
so today make us Your own,
cleanse our hearts and dwell in them. **Amen.**

Hear us, Lord, as we bless You,
welcoming You as our King;
give Your blessing in return
to us and to all Your world. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God,
we who welcome Your Entrance,
and save us from all dangers
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

DECEMBER 8

THE CONCEPTION OF THE VIRGIN

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 147, 148, 149, **150**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 46:4,5)*

Holy is the dwelling-place
of the Lord, our God, Most High!
God is in the midst of her;
she shall never be disturbed.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 37:7)
Pray to the Lord / and entreat Him / to show us merc - - -y. /
O Mary, pure Mother of Jesus, our Saviour, /
pray to the Sole-begotten Son whom you bore. /
By the sacrifice of His Body, may He shower on us His abundant goodness.

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: (1) Eccl 24:1-46 **(2)** Wis 7:21 - 8:10

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 48:2-3)
She is the city
of our good, great King.
God is within her!
With the hymns of the Spirit

let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Virgin's pure conception.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

God is her stronghold
and He manifests
His great pow'r and might.
With the hymns of the Spirit....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Heb 1:1-13 + 2:16-18

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana) (Ps 87:1-3)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
There upon the holy mountain * is His city which the Lord loves.
He prefers the gates of Sion * more than all of Jacob's dwellings!
Glorious things are spoken of you * holy Sion, city of God.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 1:1-17 + Lk 1:46-55

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord

D: Father of mercies and God of all consolation, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Lord, You chose the Virgin Mary as the morning star to announce the coming of the Saviour to the world which lay in dark spiritual blindness; by her example, may we witness to the Saviour and thus enable others to experience salvation, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O God, You raised up Mary to be the Mother of the Church, which is the Body of Jesus; under her care, may we be led into the fulness of the life of the Church, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O God, You chose Mary to be the Mother of Your incarnate Son; for this, You filled her with the Holy Spirit, kept her from evil and adorned her with all blessings. Give us the grace to avoid always the foul stain of sin, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: O God, Your Son took flesh from her who offered herself to You as a servant; and here on earth He was known to be Your Servant. Teach Your Churches that they are called not to rule and dominate, but to be servants of Your people, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; through the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, You accept our prayers and bestow Your gifts. You heard the prayers of blessed Joachim and Anne and gave them a daughter who is blessed among all women. Hear our prayers on this day when we celebrate the conception of her whom You redeemed beforehand by the Passion, death and Resurrection of Your Son, and through her intercession, make us and all creation share His victory over sin and death. Admit us into Your presence with purity of heart and sanctity of soul; and with her, we shall glorify and praise You now and always and forever and ever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving. *(Ps 115:17)*

Lord, we offer You
this blest Sacrifice
of Your belov'd Son
in thanksgiving to Your Name
for the gifts which in Your love
You gave Mary the Virgin.
Ev'ry tongue gives thanks to You
and praises - Your great Majesty!

v: Sacrifice to Him the sacrifices of praise. *(Ps 107:22)*

O all-pure Virginand holy Mother
pray to God, your Son
that He show His goodness to
the creation which He made
and preserve the holy Church
which rejoices in your feast
and banish - all the devil's snares.

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

The angels now stand about
this most holy Mystery,
the blest living Sacrifice
of the consubstantial Son.

Joined together, they sing praise.
Come, let us draw near also
and partake with holiness
and give glory to the Son!

He emptied Himself in love
and shared in our brokenness.
Though He is the Most High's Son,
He became a man like us.

He took flesh in Mary's womb,
took a body for our sake,
then gave us His flesh and blood
in the signs of bread and wine.

Come, let us praise Him and sing
"Alleluia" with great love.
We sing with the angel hosts:
"Holy are You! Praise to You!"

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: on the feast of the Conception of the Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Lord, come, let us receive the Body of the living Lamb.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed are You, Lord of all,
who gathered us in Your house,
gave us strength to celebrate
there most holy Mysteries. **Amen.**

Through the prayers and entreaties
of Your spotless, pure Mother,
Lord, accept our Qurbana,
offered before Your glory. **Amen.**

At the pleading of Mary,
all-holy, immaculate,
hear our prayer and wash us clean
of the stain of debts and sins. **Amen.**

To our departed brethren,
grant peace and consolation
in the glorious, bright mansions
of Your heav'nly Kingdom, Lord. **Amen.**

Protect us and all Your world
from seen and hidden dangers
by the pow'r and protection
of Your life-giving, blest Cross. **Amen.**

Lord, delight us with Your joy,
stretch Your right hand over us;
bless us + in Your deep mercy,
now and always, evermore. **Amen.**

DECEMBER 18

MIRACLE OF MAR THOMMA SLEEBA

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 25, 26, 27

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 18:43-44)*

A people I did not know
shall become my followers.
As soon as they hear of me,
they shall listen to my word.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 95:1; 117:24)
O come, let us / sing to the Lord / and ring out our - - - joy! /
Come, let us sing praise and glory on this feast /
to Mar Thomma Sleeba, who came to India. /
May God who strengthened him to build up the Church help us
to do works pleasing to Him.

And let us make / a joyful noise / to God, our Sa- - -viour!
On this feast, wondrous Apostle, Mar Thomma, /
we sing praises and glorify our Lord and our God /
who made you victorious in India as you built temples in His honour. /

We shall rejoice / we shall be glad / and celebrate - - - it! /
You taught the people who were wandering in darkness /
and you converted them from error to Your Lord. /
The spear which pierced you ended your contest, and you went
to your Lord and your God. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all
his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Ex 17:4-6 **(2)** Wis 7:7-9

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 112:2)
His posterity
shall be powerful
over the whole world.
With the hymns of the Spirit

let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the wondrous sign of our faith.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

And he shall be blessed
in the descendants
of the righteous ones.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Eph 2:19-22

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn

(Breek Hannana) (Ps 118:161-163, 114)

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Princes persecute me freely * but my heart respects Your word, Lord.
I rejoice at Your promises * as one who has found rich treasure.
I hate and reject all evil * but I have great love for Your law.
You are my shield and my refuge * and in Your word I place my hope.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: John 14:1-6

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: On Calvary, Your Blood flowed over Your Cross and brought about our salvation. At Mylapore, Mar Thomma Sleeba poured out his blood for You as he worked for the salvation of our land. May the blood miraculously appearing on the cross there lead us to a deeper love and appreciation for You, Your Cross, Mar Thomma and our land, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: The miraculous cross at Mylapore is a symbol of our Church and of our faith in You as brought by our father, Mar Thomma Sleeba. May we be faithful to the tradition it represents and zealous in calling others to know You as their Lord and God, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: May the true miracle of the Cross be recognized in the new life You have given us as sons and daughters of Your heavenly Father. May we witness to it boldly with the same zeal as Mar Thomma Sleeba, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Be with us, O Lord, as we celebrate our father, Mar Thomma Sleeba, Your chosen one, who proclaimed the great glory of Your Cross and Your truth to our forefathers and witnessed to Your love in this our country of India. As he witnessed to You by His death, pierced by a lance, as were You, may we witness to You by our lives, pierced by the lance of Your love. By his prayers and by the power of the holy Cross, may we come to the bliss which You prepared for him, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: To the upright, there shines a light in the darkness. *(Ps 112:4)*

As sun shines on earth,
Thomma once appeared
in India, our land.
He drove out all dark error
by the light of his teaching,
saved us from idolatry
and made us sheep of the flock
of our King - the Good Shepherd, Christ!

v: That He might make His mighty power to be known.
(Ps 106:8)

As sun shines on earth...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Glorious is your blest feast-day,
but more glorious truly was
the day of your holy death!
O herald, who spread Christ's peace,
you bore witness to the truth
and cast out idolatry.

A throne in glory is yours
where you live for evermore.
God the Father in the heights
with His Son and Spirit blest
wove the crown of victory
in your honour, holy one.

The hosts of the cherubim
glorify God who chose you,
put you over His treasure,
entrusted His gifts to you.
We all cry aloud to Him
as we sing: "Alleluia!"

Thomma, spiritual merchant,
you received your Lord's talent,
increased it as He had willed.
He invited you to come
to His bridal chamber's light
where you sing "Alleluia!"

Invitation to Communion

Brethren, as we celebrate the miracle of the Mylapore Cross, let us draw near with faith and love to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord and our God who saved us by His Cross.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

In the Church at Mylapore
as Your faithful remembered
Mar Thomma who brought our faith,
You worked a great miracle. **Amen.**

Your side was pierced by a lance
as You hung upon Your Cross.
Where Mar Thomma shared Your fate,
blood appeared on a stone Cross. **Amen.**

May we, too, be willing, Lord,
to embrace Your holy Cross,
for as Mar Thomma professed,
You are our true Lord and God. **Amen.**

May we all be marked, O Christ,
by Your sign of life, the Cross,
through Mar Thomma's prayers for us,
blessed now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

JANUARY 1

HOLY NAME OF ISOH

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, 98.

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 35:18)*

I will thank You, Lord, my God,
within the great assembly;
I will sing my praise to You
in the midst of all peoples!

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 105:9)
He remembered / His covenant / made with Abra- - -ham. /
Abraham, father of nations, set the custom /
of circumcision for the just which all followed. /
Our Lord came to be circumcised and named on the eighth day
to fulfill the law. /

He remembered / the oath He swore / to Isaac be- - -fore. /
Moses wrote the Law for all the sons of Jacob /

to be circumcised and named on the eighth day. /
Our Lord did so as a son of Abraham, but gave us baptism to become God's sons. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 17:1-27 **(2)** Is 42:18 - 43:13

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 96:1)

Sing unto the Lord
a new canticle;
sing with all your might!
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the Name of our Lord Isoh.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

Sing unto the Lord,
all the whole wide earth;
sing with all your might!
With the hymns of the Spirit.....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Gal 5:1-6 + Phil 2:5-11

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 105:9-10)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
He made a pact with Abraham, * swore an oath unto Isaac.
He made a holy covenant * with His chosen servant, Jacob.
His covenant with Israel * shall be remembered for ever.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 1:18-25 + Lk 2:21

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: You are glorified in heaven and worshipped on earth, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You were born in poverty at Bethlehem, and on the eighth day You were revealed as Saviour of the world when You were given Your Name, Isoh. May Your people live as a true community of those who have been saved, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You were called Isoh so that we would know that You are truly the Saviour. May all those who are searching in confused darkness or shaken in their faith recognize You as the One Beloved Son sent by the Father. Make us Your brothers and sisters, so that You may bring salvation to all, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You promised that all prayers offered in Your Name would be answered. Through that holy Name, may the poor and lowly, the illiterate and downtrodden may obtain all fundamental human rights, with dignity of life and true freedom, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: May our hearts be circumcised of all pride. May we live in faith, love and humility that new life which You came to share with us from Your Father, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord Isoh, eight days after Your birth You were given the Name that is above every other name. Through Your saving Name, grant that we may serve You and Your people with a joyful and renewed heart. From this first day of the new year, may we grow rich in conduct and deeds that will be well pleasing to You. And we offer praise and thanksgiving to You, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries *(Thuyai...)*

v: Hear this all people! *(Ps 49:1)*
It had been written in God's Law
that His people's male children
should indeed be circumcised
on the eighth day after birth.

v: Give ear, all you inhabitants of the world! *(Ps 49:1)*
It had been written in God's Law.....*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

The Body and saving Blood
are offered on this holy,
sanctifying altar here
in the midst of holy church.

From it they shall be received
on that glorious, spiritual,
blest altar in heav'n above,
the true altar of our God.

Come together, all people,
with love and in holiness,
let us offer up to God
our souls, hearts and our bodies.

This is the great Mystery
which lay hidden for ages,
giv'n to us to forgive sins.
Alleluia! Bless the Lord!

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: the Virgin has conceived and given birth to a Son, who is to be Amman-hu-El. And He was given the holy Name of Isoh. Let us receive Him now in His holy Mysteries.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Seated on Your lofty throne,
You agreed to come to earth,

assumed our frail, weak nature
that we might all share in Yours. **Amen.**

On the eighth day, loving Lord,
You were circumcised as man,
circumcising our nature
from its links with sin and death. **Amen.**

When You thus fulfilled the Law,
You then brought it to its end;
our flesh now is joined with Yours
living in the law of grace. **Amen.**

As the angel had decreed,
Isoh was the Name You bore,
for You came to save our race
from our sins and bitter fall. **Amen.**

Your Name is a pledge of love
giv'n us by our loving God;
in that Name all prayer is heard,
in that Name, salvation found. **Amen.**

May Your mercy and Your grace
be with us and all the world,
with all those called by Your Name,
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

JANUARY 3

BLESSED KURIAKOSE ELIAS CHAVARA

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 25, **26**, 27

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 92:12)*

The righteous and faithful one
shall flourish like a palm tree;

and he shall grow securely
like a Lebanon cedar.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 105:4; 37:7)
Seek for the Lord / and look for Him; / you shall be made - - - strong /
O bles-sed Mar Kuriakose, we ask you: /
pray to Christ our Lord and our God, on our behalf /
that through your holy intercessions, He may send down His mercy upon us all. /

Entreat the Lord / and make your prayer / standing before - - - Him. /
O our holy Father, blest Mar Kuriakose, /
friend of the heav'nly Bridegroom, ask mercy for us /
from Your beloved Lord and God whose great love for you, you have answered with your love. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Gen 12:1-4 **(2)** Is 44:1-4

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...)(Ps 37:39)
The most sure Saviour
of the righteous just
is the Lord our God.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the mem'ry of this blest priest.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

And He will help them
and be their refuge

in time of trouble.
With the hymns of the Spirit.....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...)(Ps 118:73-76)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Your hands made me; teach me Your law, * that those who revere You may see.
They shall see me and shall rejoice * for I place my hope in Your word.
Lord, I know that Your laws are just; * in Your love You afflicted me.
Let Your kindness be my comfort * as You promised to Your servant.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Luke 10:21-24

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Compassionate God, who governs all things with tender mercy, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: That, in imitation of blessed Kuriakose, we may grow ever deeper in divine love and render dedicated service to the Church throughout our whole lives, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You taught us to love our enemies. Blessed Kuriakose practiced this heroically all through his life. That we may always forgive those who speak or act against us, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Blessed Kuriakose was always obedient to the Church authorities. That we may submit ourselves to the will of God expressed through the positive directives of the Church, even when they are contrary to our own convictions, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Blessed Kuriakose was a defender of the faith. That we too may defend our faith in all precarious situations and be willing even die for it, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, You gave blessed Kuriakose as a precious and healing gift to Your Church in India. As a pioneer, he organized and provided for the spiritual, liturgical, pastoral and catecgetical needs of the faithful. His zeal enkindled a profound love for you in the hearts of many. As we celebrate his memory, may his prayers lead us to be generous in the life, work and worship of Your Church , O Lord of all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: The just man will always be remembered. *(Ps 112:6)*

Blest Kuriakose,
your memorial
in the holy Church
reflects that of Christ the Lord:
you humbly took up His Cross
and fulfilled all His teachings.
He has taken you to be
for ever - in heaven with Him.

v: He remains forever in the sight of God. *(Ps 61:7)*
Blest Kuriakose,....*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn

(Bendan Sapra...Karunanidhiyam...)

Glorious is your blest feast-day,
but more glorious truly was
the day of your holy death!
Angel hosts on high praise it,

all on earth now celebrate
as they sing "Alleluia!"

Holy father Kuriakose,
a wise spiritual merchant,
you received your Lord's talent,
increased it as He had willed.
Pray for our community
as we sing "Alleluia!"

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: as we recall the fervour of Blessed Kuriakose, let us receive the holy Gifts.

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Kuriakose received from You
the heart of a shepherd, Lord.
May his prayers still aid the Church
in its needs and works today.. **Amen.**

In this changing world, O Lord,
set our hearts firm in Your ways,
as You showed through Kuriakose
the true life of Your Gospel. **Amen.**

Through him, You once fed Your flock
by his teachings, works and life.
May we keep the faith he taught
and follow the way he walked. **Amen.**

May Your mercy and Your grace
be with us and all the world,
with the Church and her children
both now + and for evermore. **Amen.**

MARCH 19

MAR YAWSEP, SPOUSE OF THE VIRGIN

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 19, 20, 21

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*
Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 92:12)*

> *The righteous and faithful one*
> *shall flourish like a palm tree;*
> *and he shall grow securely*
> *like a Lebanon cedar.*

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...) (Ps 104:8; 91:9)
And he shall go / to the place which / You prepared for - - - him./
O holy Mar Yawsep, your memory is inscribed /
in the Church of the firstborn, written in heaven. /
Pray for us that at death we may be admitted to the Kingdom of Christ the Lord. /

You established / Your dwelling-place / in the heights a- - - bove./
O friend of Christ, holy, just and chaste Mar Yawsep, /
intercede with Your Lord and God that He may grant /
loving mercy to us, virtue to priests, wisdom to rulers and strength to bishops. /

All glory be / to Father and Son / and Holy Spi - - -rit. /
The Cross is the cause of our good and has set us free. /
May it be for us, O my Lord, a strong fortress. /
By this Cross, we shall overcome the most wicked one and all his cunning snares.

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Is 41:8-16 **(2)** Acts 19:8-20

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 92:12)

The just, upright man
shall always flourish
like a green palm tree.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
the mem'ry of Mar Yawsep.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

He shall surely grow
like a cedar tree
found in Lebanon
With the hymns of the Spirit....

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son
and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: 2 Cor 10:4-18

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana..) (Ps 15:1-4)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
Who can dwell in Your tent, O Lord, * or rest on Your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault, justly, * speaks the truth and says no evil;
who lies not nor harms his neighbour * nor takes bribes against his neighbour;
by whom evil men are despised, * while he honours those who fear God.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!

From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Mt 1:18-25

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Compassionate God, who governs all things with tender mercy, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You revealed the perfection of Your Gospel in the life of Mar Yawsep the Just, a true servant of God in imitation of You, the Servant of the Lord. Through his intercession, help us always to set our minds on the Kingdom of God and His justice, and all that it requires from us, before anything else, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: You revealed Yourself as the Way, the Truth and the Life. Yet, You willed to be seen as the Son of the village carpenter. Make us also value a life of work and prayer in imitation of You and of him who was known as Your father on earth, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: During Your life on earth, You provided for Your needs by the work of Your hands. May all those who seek work for a livelihood find it. By the intercession of Your foster-father, the carpenter, may help be found for those who suffer, lack work or are in need, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: Your foster-father was known as a just man, for he was attentive to the will of Your Father as expressed in the Law, obedient to the impulses and directives of the Spirit whenever they came, and silently dedicated and faithful to his duties. Through his prayers, make us people of justice and love like him, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop, Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: O our Lord and our God, You chose Mar Yawsep, son of Jacob, to be the spouse of the Most Holy Virgin according to the Law, and to bring up Your beloved Son in His incarnate life among us. Grant that we may imitate his great love for You. Like him, may we be occupied in the service of Your Son and in the company of His Mother. By his prayers, may we end our days like him in Your loving care, O Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: The just man will be remembered. *(Ps 112:6)*
O holy Yawsep,
your memorial,
is celebrated
as the Church commemorates
Christ, whom in His infancy
you cared for so wondrously.
May your prayer bring help to us
and guard us - from ev'ry evil.

v: He remains before God forever. *(Ps 61:7)*
O holy Yawsep...*(Repeat)*

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*
Holy Yawsep, our patron,
our protector and our friend:
the mem'ry of your greatness
exceeds all that we could say!

By your prayers drive far away
the snares of our enemy
that with hymns we may rejoice:
Alleluia! Bless the Lord!

Invitation to Communion

Come, my brothers, assembly of the faithful: let us celebrate the memory of the just man, Mar Yawsep. Let us receive his foster-Son and sing perpetual praise as we say with joyful voices: Alleluia!

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Yawsep declares to David,
Your ancestor in the flesh,
all the wonders he witnessed
at Your birth, O Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Your angel appeared to him
to guide him in his great role

as Your foster-father, Lord,
Mary's loving spouse and strength. **Amen.**

As your foster-father, Lord,
he is father to us all;
hear him as he intercedes
for Your birth within our hearts. **Amen.**

Bless us all, O Lord our God,
through Mar Yawsep's patronage,
this people as each deserves,
now + and always, evermore. **Amen.**

MARCH 25

ANNUNCIATION TO THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF JESUS

Marmitha: Psalmody: Pss 96, 97, **98**

[The **Qanona** *is sung after the first stanza of the Marmitha and is repeated after the final "Glory to..."]*

Qanona: Antiphon *(Thuyai...) (Ps 46:4,5)*

Holy is the dwelling-place
of the Lord, our God, Most High!
God is in the midst of her;
she shall never be disturbed.

D'Qanke: Anthem of the Rails

(Sliba dahava lan...Nathanilennum...)
(Ps 96:2, 3; Deut 32:17; Ps 85:12)
Day after day, / announce to all / His great salva - - - tion! /
The annunciation contained all salvation. /
Through it, without seed or man, Mary conceived Christ. /
The Holy Spirit alone overshadowed her, bearing the pow'r of the Most High.

Announce to all / among nations / His awesome glo - - - ry! /
Mary is blest among all women, so full of hope. /
Let us adore our Creator, who pitied us. /
The Holy Spirit alone overshadowed her, bearing the pow'r of the Most High.

Behold and see! / They are new things / which now have been - - - done. /
Mary was disturbed at the strange things the angel said. /
She who knew not man conceived by the Spirit's pow'r. /
And by the case of Elizabeth, he confirmed this truth for the Blessed Virgin. /

Yes, it is true! / The Lord shall give / all of His bles - - - sings! /
He made Adam from dust and Eve from him without seed. /
He made barren Sarah fertile, and then Rebecca. /
And by the case of Elizabeth, he confirmed this truth for the Blessed Virgin. /

Qeryane: Readings: **(1)** Ex 15:11-21 + Mic 6:15 + Jer 31:13-17
(2) Acts 1:1-14

Surraya: Responsorial Hymn

(Sahde Brike...Ambaramanavaratham...) (Ps 45:9)

The radiant daughter
of the mighty King
stands in her glory.
With the hymns of the Spirit
let us sing, "Alleluia!"
Let us celebrate with joy
'nnunciation to Mary.
Let us sing - and celebrate today!

And the Queen is seen
standing in her place
at Your right hand side.
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Praise to the Father
and praise to the Son

and Holy Spirit
With the hymns of the Spirit...

From eternity
and forevermore.
Amen and Amen!
With the hymns of the Spirit...

Engartha: Epistle: Heb 1:1-13 + 2:16-18

Zummara: Alleluia Hymn *(Breek Hannana...) (Ps 48:9-11)*

Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!
O Lord, we await Your mercy * in the middle of Your Temple!
Your praise, O God, just as Your Name * reaches to the ends of the earth!
Your right hand is full of justice; * let all people rejoice in You.
Let Mount Zion keep feast with joy; * and let Judah's daughters be glad.
Glory be to God the Father * to the Son and Holy Spirit!
From eternity and ever, * now and always. Amen. Amen.
Alleluia, Alleluia * Alleluia, Alleluia!

Evangalion: Gospel: Lk 1:26-38

Karozutha: Proclamation Prayer:

D: Let us stand with joy and exultation, and let us pray, saying: Have mercy on us, O Lord!
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Our Saviour, who obtains our salvation and provides all things, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the peace, harmony and stability of the whole world and of all the Churches, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For our country and for all countries, and for the faithful that dwell therein, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: For a temperate climate, for a plentiful harvest, an abundance of fruits and for the prosperity of the whole world, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord!

D: The Archangel greeted the all-pure one with the words: "Peace be to you, who have found favour before God! The Lord is with you!" By the example of our all-holy Lady, who led a worthy life, may we come to see Your presence in everything, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The holy Mother was encouraged by the words, "Fear not, Mary; for You have found grace with God." By the same words, may we find strength and courage in times of tension and strife in our lives, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The spotless Lady asked, "How can this be, for no man has known me," showing that she valued purity. According to our state in life, may we preserve holy purity and chastity, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The all-holy Mother was consoled by the words: "The Holy Spirit will come, and the power of the Most High will rest upon you." Through her intercession, send the blessings of the Holy Spirit, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: The Virgin responded: "Here I am, a handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." May we be enabled to cooperate with Your will in everything, that we may take part in the mysteries of salvation, we implore You.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: For the well-being of our Holy Father, Pope Mar *(Name)*, head of all the Churches of Christ; our Major Archbishop,

Mar *(Name)*; our Archbishop, Mar *(Name);* our Bishop Mar *(Name)* and for all their fellow ministers, we implore You:
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Save us, O Christ our Lord, through Your grace; through the intercession of the blessed Virgin Mary, fill us with Your peace and tranquillity and have mercy on us.
R: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

D: Let us commend ourselves and one another to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:
R: To You, O Lord our God.

C: Word of God, You sent the archangel Gabriel with the power of Your Spirit to announce to the all-holy Virgin Mary that You would take flesh from her. Bring Your Incarnation to fulfillment now in the Churches and among the nations and peoples, that they may transcend their differences. Like the blessed Virgin, through humility, sincerity and good will with determination, may they find peace and unity in You, O Saviour of the world, who are glorified with Your Father and Spirit, Lord of all, forever.
R: Amen.

D'Raze: Anthem of the Mysteries

(Brihithon...Karthavil Jnan...)
v: I say: Peace be to you. *(Ps 121:8)*

The angel's greeting
left Mary troubled.
She had known no man;
through the Spirit, she conceived.
Peace on earth, glory to God,
good hope be to all mankind!
Blest the Father's only Son
who as man, - comes to save mankind!

v: May peace be with your walls. *(Ps 121:7)*

In the holy birth
of Christ the Saviour,
for all the people

hope appears for salvation.
By His coming in the flesh,
He brings joy to everyone.
Those who died were then set free.
For ever - holy is the Lord!

D'Bem: Communion Hymn *(Thuyai...)*

Come, all you, ring out your joy,
all you children of the Church
on this feast of our Mother
at her annunciation.

When she heard the angel's words,
the blest Virgin gave consent;
it was then that she became
the Mother of our Saviour!

As we now come to receive
His Body and precious Blood
for forgiveness and new life,
we bless God with angel hosts.

We praise God for salvation
which has now been granted us!
Bles-sed Mother, through your prayers,
protect those who are your own.

Invitation to Communion

Brethren: on the feast of the Annunciation, come, let us devoutly receive the Word who became flesh, and let us praise Him as we sing, "Alleluia!"

Huttama: Sealing Prayer *(Thuyai...)*

Bles-sed are You, Lord of all,
who gathered us in Your house,
gave us strength to celebrate
these most holy Mysteries. **Amen.**

Through the prayers of the Virgin
whom You filled with all Your grace,
Lord, accept our Qurbana,
offered before Your glory. **Amen.**

At the pleading of Mary,
who found favour in Your sight,
hear our prayer, wash us clean
of the stain of debts and sins. **Amen.**

To our departed brethren,
grant peace and consolation
in the glorious, bright mansions
of Your heav'nly Kingdom, Lord. **Amen.**

Protect us and all Your world
from seen and hidden dangers
by the pow'r and protection
of Your life-giving, blest Cross. **Amen.**

Lord, delight us with Your joy,
stretch Your right hand over us;
bless us + in Your deep mercy,
now and always, evermore. **Amen.**

The Book of Psalms

Psalm 15

Whom shall You permit to dwell
in Your tabernacle, Lord?
Who shall be allowed to stand
and worship on Your blest mount?

One whose way of life is just,
always doing what is right,
whose words are sincere and true,
whose tongue never slander speaks.

One who wrongs not his neighbour,
who cannot be bribed at all,
but despises wrong-doers,
loving those who fear the Lord.

One who keeps his promised word
though it be to his own loss,
who lends without usury -
such a one will be secure.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 19

Heavens sing Your glory, God,
firmaments Your handiwork!
Day pours out the word to day,
night to night imparts knowledge!

Though no sound nor word is heard.
through the world resounds their voice,
and their message is sent forth
to the very ends of earth.

For the sun He pitched a tent:
it comes forth from its chamber,
like a bridegroom filled with joy,
like a champion, runs its course.

At one end of the heavens,
it comes forth when it does rise;
it runs to the other end,
naught is hidden from its heat!

Perfect is the Lord God's law;
it refreshes human souls.
Trustworthy is God's decree,
making wise the simple souls.

The Lord's precepts all are right;
in His statutes hearts rejoice.
The command of God is clear -
giving light to darkened eyes.

Rev'rence for the Lord is pure;
it abides for evermore.
The statutes of God are truth.
They are righteous and most just.

Precious as the purest gold,
more desirable than gold -
sweeter than the honeycomb,
His decrees are to be sought.

Faithful servant though I be,
many faults I do not see.
Hidden sins remove from me;
teach me by Your law, O Lord.

From presumption hold me back;
let it not rule over me.
Then I shall be innocent,
clean and blameless of grave sin.

May the words that my mouth speaks,
and the thoughts within my heart
be acceptable to You,
Lord, my Saviour and my Rock!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 20

May the Lord God answer you
at the time of your distress;
may the Name of Jacob's God
be the source of your defence.

May He send help from His shrine,
and from Zion strengthen you.
All your gifts may He recall
and accept your holocausts.

May He grant your heart's desire.
For your sake we shall rejoice,
and exalt as you are saved.
May the Lord grant your requests.

Now I know the Lord has saved,
has made answer from His throne.
With the strength of His right hand,
He has given victory.

Some put trust in chariots,
others in their horses' pow'r;
but we trust and are made strong
in the Name of God, our Lord.

Though they bow down and fall back,
we stand upright, ready, firm.
Lord, grant vict'ry to the king;
answer us the day we call.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 21

Lord, Your strength makes glad the king;
he finds joy in Your vict'ry.
You bestowed his heart's desire
and refused not his request.

You came, blessing with success,
placed on him a crown of gold.
He asked life, and this You gave:
length of days from age to age.

Your vict'ry brings him glory.
You gave splendid majesty.
Your blessing remains on him;
in Your presence, he finds joy.

The king trusts in You, Most High;
in Your mercy, he stands firm.
May his hand strike all his foes,
his right hand his enemies!

Make them burn when he appears,
by the Lord's wrath be consumed!
May their fruit pass from the earth
and their sons from among men.

Though they plot ill against him,
their intentions are in vain,
for he shall put them to flight,
shooting arrows in their ranks.

Be exalted, O my Lord,
rise up in Your mighty strength!
We shall sing and praise Your pow'r!
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 25

Lord, to You I lift my soul!
O my God, I trust in You!
Let me not be put to shame
nor my foes gloat over me!

No one trusting You is shamed,
only those few who break faith.
Lord, make known Your ways to me,
in Your paths teach me to walk.

Guide me in Your truth; teach me,
for You are my saving God.
In You I hope all day long
for You are so good, O Lord!

Remember Your mercy, Lord,
and Your love shown from of old.
Recall not my sins in youth -
in Your love, remember me!

Good and upright is the Lord.
He guides sinners to His ways.
He shows lowly ones His paths
and teaches the poor His way.

All the ways of God the Lord
are kindness and constancy
for those who keep His decrees
and obey His covenant.

For Your Name's sake, O my Lord,
You will pardon all my guilt,
my profound iniquity,
for it is so great indeed.

When a person fears the Lord,
He shows him the path to choose.
He shall live in happiness
and his sons possess the land.

God loves those who revere Him,
with them He makes covenant.
My eyes are fixed on the Lord.
He frees my feet from the snare.

Turn to me and pity me,
for I am alone and poor.
Take the troubles from my heart,
set me free from my distress.

See my suff'ring and my toil,
and forgive me all my sins.
See how many are my foes,
how they hate me violently!

Save my life and rescue me.
Let me not be put to shame.
For my refuge, I take You:
see that I am innocent.

May my uprightness protect me
for I wait for You, O Lord.
Redeem Israel, O God,
from its manifold distress!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 26

Do me justice, O my Lord!
I walk in integrity.
I trust, fearless, in the Lord.
Test my heart and soul, O God!

Your kindness is in my sight
and I walk within Your truth.
I stay not with evil ones,
nor consort with hypocrites.

I sit not in evil groups,
nor stay with the wicked ones.
Innocent, I wash my hands
and go round Your altar, Lord.

I sing hymns of thanks and praise,
I speak of Your wondrous deeds.
Lord, I love Your dwelling-place,
and the Tent of Your glory!

Cast me not out with sinners,
nor my life with men of blood,
in whose hands are sins and crimes,
whose right hands are filled with bribes.

I walk in integrity.
Lord, show mercy and save me!
My foot stands on level ground.
I bless God where all convene!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 27

My salvation is the Lord
and my light - whom should I fear?
God is the strength of my life -
of whom should I be afraid.

When the wicked come at me
to devour my flesh and bones,
my foes and my enemies
themselves stumble and fall down.

Though an army host encamps
against me, my heart fears not;
though upon me they wage war,
even then I trust the Lord.

One thing have I asked the Lord,
this I seek - for this I long:

to dwell in the house of God,
all my days, throughout my life.

On God's beauty may I gaze,
contemplate His Temple courts.
For there He will keep me safe
in the day of my distress.

In the shelter of His tent,
He protects and conceals me.
On a rock, He places me
and my head is lifted high.

I look down on all my foes.
I will offer in His tent
joyful sacrifice with thanks,
I sing and chant praise to God.

Hear my voice when I call, Lord.
Show Your mercy; answer me.
My heart speaks of You, O Lord;
my glance seeks to see Your face.

I seek for Your presence, Lord.
God, hide not Your face from me.
In Your wrath, dismiss me not
for You are my Helper, Lord.

Cast Your servant not away
nor forsake me, my Saviour!
Though my parents turn from me,
You will yet receive me, Lord.

Guide me, Lord, along Your ways;
lead me on a level path,
because of my enemies.
Give me not up to my foe.

For false witnesses come forth;
they come forward against me;
and my enemies arise
breathing out their violence.

I am sure that I shall see
all the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Be encouraged - wait for Him!

Hope in God, holy firm, take heart.
Place Your hope in the Lord God.
Put Your confidence in Him.
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 33

Exult in the Lord, you just!
Praise befits all faithful hearts!
With the lyre give thanks to God,
sing to Him with ten-stringed harp!

Sing Him a song that is new!
Sing and play with all your skill!
Faithful is the word of God,
all His works are trustworthy!

God the Lord loves righteousness;
He loves what is just and right;
and the whole world has been filled
with the kindness of the Lord!

By His word the heav'ns were made,
by His mouth's breath all their host.
He collects the ocean's waves,
stores up in a flask the sea!

Let the whole world fear the Lord,
all within it, stand in awe!
For He spoke and it was made;
He commanded, it stood forth.

God frustrates the nations' plans,
brings to naught the people's schemes.
His designs shall ever stand;
His heart's plans from age to age!

Happy those whose Lord is God,
those He chose to be His own.
From the heav'ns the Lord looks down;
He sees all who dwell on earth!

From His dwelling He beholds
all the children of mankind.
He who formed the heart of each
knows the deeds of everyone.

No king is saved by his troops,
nor a warrior by his strength.
Useless is the horse to save -
though strong, it gives no escape.

God looks on those who fear Him,
those who hope in His great love
to deliver them from death,
to preserve them in famine.

Our soul waits now for the Lord,
He who is our help and shield.
For in Him our hearts rejoice.
We trust in His holy Name.

May Your kindness and Your love
be extended over us,
Lord, our Lord and saving God,
as we place our trust in You.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 34

At all times, I bless the Lord,
His praise always on my lips!
My soul glories in the Lord.
Lowly ones hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Let us all extol His Name.
I sought God; He answered me,
from my fears, He set me free.

Look to Him and be radiant;
let not your face blush with shame.
This poor man called out - God heard,
from distress He rescued him.

The Lord's angel is encamped
near to free those who fear Him.
Taste and see: the Lord is good!
Happy those who trust in Him!

Revere God, all you, His saints:
those who fear Him lack nothing.
Great ones grow hungry and poor -
those who seek God have all things!

Come, O children, and hear me:
I will teach the fear of God.
Who is there who longs for life
to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil speech
and your lips from all deceit.
Turn from evil and do good.
Seek peace and strive after it.

When the just call, the Lord hears;
from distress, He rescues them.
He is close to broken hearts.
He saves those of crushed spirit.

Many are the just one's trials;
the Lord rescues from them all.

God guards over all his bones -
not a one shall ever break.

Sin brings death to wicked ones;
those who hate the good are doomed.
God redeems His servants' lives.
Those who trust Him shall be safe.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
ever-present in our needs!
We fear not though earth should rock,
though hills fall into the seas.

Though the waters rage and foam,
mountains quake beneath their waves,
with us is the Lord of hosts.
Jacob's God is our stronghold!

A stream's waters bring great joy
to the Most High God's city.
God is in it; it stands firm -
God helps it at break of dawn.

Nations rage and kingdoms shake.
At God's voice, the earth recedes.
With us is the Lord of hosts.
Jacob's God is our stronghold!

Come, behold the works of God,
the great wonders done on earth.
He breaks bows and snaps the spears.
He consumes the shields in fire.

"Be still - know that I am God,
Most High over all the earth!"

With us is the Lord of hosts.
Jacob's God is our stronghold!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 47

All you peoples, clap your hands!
Shout to God with cries of joy!
God, Most High, the Awesome One,
is great King of all the earth!

He brings peoples under us,
over nations gives us rule!
He chose out a land for us,
glory of all those He loves.

God ascends His throne with joy!
God goes up with trumpet blasts!
Sing praise to our God, sing praise!
Sing praise to our King, sing praise!

God is King of all the world.
Sing to Him your hymns of praise!
God sits on His holy throne.
He reigns over all the lands!

Rulers of the peoples come
and they join with the people
of the God of Abraham.
God, Most High, rules over all!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 48

Great our Lord and to be praised
in the city of our God;
His blest mountain, fairest height,
is the joy of all the earth!

Zion, true pole of the earth,
city of the Most High King!
God within her citadels
shows Himself as her stronghold.

For the kings assembled there,
came together, then advanced -
they see it and are dismayed;
terrified, they fled in fear!

A grave trembling seized them there,
like a woman in travail.
By the east wind You destroyed
all the ships that Tharsis sent.

As we heard, so have we seen
in the city of our God,
dwelling of the Lord of hosts,
which forever He upholds.

God, we ponder Your kindness
standing in Your temple courts.
Like Your Name, O God, Your praise
reaches to the ends of earth.

Your right hand is filled, O Lord,
with justice; Zion is glad.
Judah's people all rejoice
when they see Your judgments, God!

Walk through Zion, make the rounds;
count the towers built within;
her ramparts consider well
and examine her strong walls,

That you tell the coming age
that such is the Lord our God,
our God, ever and always;
it is He who guides us still!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 62

My soul waits for God alone.
My salvation comes from Him.
He alone is my strong rock,
my defence: I shall stand firm.

How long will you all attack
just one man to bring him down,
as though he were just a fence,
or a sagging, tumbling wall?

Their plan is but to destroy;
they take pleasure in their lies;
with their mouths they speak blessings,
while their hearts pronounce a curse.

My soul, rest in God alone,
for from Him comes hope and help.
He alone is my strong rock,
my defence: I shall stand firm.

Only He is my safety,
my glory, my rock of strength,
my salvation and refuge:
in Him I shall not be moved!

All you people, trust in God!
Always seek refuge in Him!
Pour your hearts out before Him,
for God is our sure refuge.

Mortals are but passing breath,
men of rank an illusion.
Placed in scales, they weigh much less
all together than a breath.

Put not trust in oppression,
nor vain hopes in robbery.
Let your heart not trust in wealth
even when riches increase.

God spoke once: two things I heard:
pow'r and love belong to God;
and the Lord repays each one
according to his own deeds.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 63

God, my God, for You I long;
for You my soul is thirsting.
My flesh pines away for You,
like a dry and weary land.

I gaze on Your holy place
to see Your strength and glory;
for Your love means more than life.
My lips will proclaim Your praise!

I will bless You all my life;
in Your Name, I lift my hands.
I am filled as with a feast:
my mouth sings Your praise with joy!

On my bed, I recall You;
through the night, I think on You,
for You are a Help to me;
I rejoice beneath Your wings.

My soul shall cling close to You;
Your right hand upholds me fast;
those who seek to end my life
shall go down to earth's dark pits.

They shall fall, slain by the sword;
prey of jackals they shall be.
But the King shall then rejoice,
glory in his saving God.

Everyone who swears by God
shall find glor-rious victory;
but the mouths of those who lie
shall be stopped eternally.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 64

Hear me, God, as I complain;
guard my life from the dread foe.
Hide me from the wicked ones,
from the evildoer's band.

Their tongues are made sharp as swords;
they aim harsh words like arrows,
shooting at the innocent
from their ambush, fearlessly!

They decide on wicked plans.
They conspire to set up snares.
They say: "Who will ever see?
Who will know what we have done?"

He will know who searches minds,
knows the depths of all our hearts.
Their own tongues shall bring them down;
all who see this will mock them.

Then will all men stand in awe
and proclaim the deeds of God.
The just will rejoice in God;
in Him glory upright hearts.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 85

You have favoured, Lord, Your land,
brought back Jacob's well-be-ing.
You forgave Your people's guilt
and have covered all their sins.

You averted all Your rage
and revoked Your burning wrath.
Now restore us, saving God;
put an end to Your grievance.

Are You angry forever?
Will Your anger never cease?
Will You not instead give life?
Then Your people shall rejoice!

Let us see Your mercy, Lord,
and grant us Your saving help.
I will hear what God proclaims:
the Lord's voice that speaks of peace!

To His people He gives peace,
and peace to His faithful ones;
peace also to all those who
turn to Him with their whole heart.

His salvation is now near
to all those who revere Him.
In our land His glory dwells.
Faithfulness and mercy meet.

Peace and justice have embraced;
faithfulness from earth has sprung;
justice from the heav'ns looks down.
God shall grant His benefits.

The Lord makes us prosperous
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall before Him walk;
peace shall follow in His steps.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 86

Bend Your ear, O Lord; give heed,
for I am poor and in need!
Keep me, faithful as I am;
save the servant trusting You!

You are my God! Pity me!
Lord, I call You all day long.
Give joy to Your servant, Lord,
for to You I lift my soul.

You are good and merciful,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed to my prayer, O Lord,
and attend to my poor plea!

In the day of my distress,
I call and You answer me.
There are no gods like to You,
nor works that compare with Yours.

All the nations come to praise
and give glory to Your Name.
You are great and do great deeds;
You alone are God, O Lord!

Lord, reveal Your ways to me
so that I may walk in truth.
Guide my heart to fear Your Name.
My heart shall give thanks to You!

Lord, my God, with all my heart,
always shall I praise Your Name,
for Your love to me is great.
You have saved me from the grave!

The proud rise against me, Lord,
ruthless men now seek my life.
To You, Lord, they pay no heed,
nor set You before their eyes.

God of mercy and of love,
slow to anger, O my Lord,
full of pity and of truth,
turn toward me and have mercy!

To Your servant give Your strength;
save Your handmaid's son, O Lord!
May Your favour shame my foes
as You help and comfort me.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 87

On the holy mountain stands
the great city loved by God;
Zion's gates the Lord prefers
to all Jacob's dwelling sites.

Glorious things are said of you,
O great city of our God.
Egypt, Babylon and Tyre
shall be known as your dear sons.

And of Zion shall be said:
"She is mother of all lands."
It is He, the Lord Most High
who sustains her by His hands.

In His register, God writes:
"These are all her own children."
All shall sing and dance and say:
"Within you, my home is found!"

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 88

Lord my God, I call by day;
at night I cry in Your sight.
Let my prayer come unto You;
hear the plea I make for help!

Evils fill my soul, O Lord,
and my life draws near to death.
I am numbered with the dead,
like a man who has no strength!

My couch is among the dead,
like those slain, within the grave,
like those You remember not
who are cut off from Your care.

In the deep tomb You laid me,
in the darkness, in the depths.
Lord, Your anger weighs me down;
I am drowned beneath Your waves.

You took all my friends away,
made me hateful in their sight.
From my prison, no escape,
my eyes weaken with my grief.

Daily, Lord, I call to You.
To You I stretch out my hands.
Are Your wonders for the dead?
Will the shades give thanks to You?

Does the grave declare Your love?
Or the dead Your faithfulness?
Are Your wonders known in dark
or Your justice in Sheol?

But, I cry to You, O Lord;
my prayer comes to You at dawn.
Why reject me, O my Lord,
and why hide Your face from me?

Wretched, close to death since youth,
long afflicted, I am numb.
Your wrath has swept over me
and Your terrors silenced me.

Daily they flood me around,
on all side they close me in.
Friend and neighbour You removed;
darkness is my only friend.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 96

Sing a new song to the Lord;
sing and bless His Name, all lands!
Tell His glory to all men
and recount His wondrous deeds!

Great the Lord and to be praised,
awesome He, beyond all gods.
Other gods are things of naught,
but our Lord has made the heav'ns!

Majesty and state are His,
splendour in His holy place!
All you peoples, give the Lord
glory due His holy Name!

Bring an off'ring to His courts,
in His Temple, worship Him!
Quake before Him, all the earth,
tell the nations, "God is King!"

He made firm the world, unmoved;
righteous shall His judgment be.
Let the heav'ns rejoice, resound,
earth and sea and all within.

Land and all it bears, rejoice!
All the forest trees, exult
at the presence of the Lord,
for He comes to rule the earth!

With His justice, He shall rule;
with His constancy and truth,
He shall judge all living things.
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 97

God is King! Rejoice, O earth!
Let the many isles be glad!
Clouds and darkness surround Him;
just judgment becomes His throne!

From before Him, fire goes forth,
burns His foes all round about.
His lightnings light up the world;
and the earth quakes at the sight.

Mountains melt before the Lord;
He is Lord of all the earth.
Heavens show His justice forth
and His glory is revealed!

Those who worship graven things
fall in shame for trusting them;
all false gods bow down to Him;
Zion hears and is made glad!

Judah's cities all rejoice
in Your judgments, Lord our God!
You are Most High over earth,
raised above all other gods.

God loves those who hate evil,
guards His faithful from all harm.
From the hands of wicked men,
He saves and delivers them.

Light arises for the just,
gladness for those right in heart,
In the Lord rejoice, O just,
give thanks, bless His holy Name!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 98

Sing a new song to the Lord,
He has done such wondrous deeds!
His own power and His strength
have achieved the victory!

God made known His salvation,
and His justice to all lands.
He recalled His faithfulness
to the house of Israel!

All the ends of earth can see
the salvation by our God!
Sing with joy to God, O earth!
Sing with praise and shouts of joy!

Praise Him with the harp and songs,
trumpets and the sound of horns.
Shout for joy to God our King!
Roar, O sea, and all within!

Sing, O world, and all that lives!
Let the rivers clap their hands!
Let the mountains shout with them,
with rejoicing in the Lord!

God comes forth to rule the earth.
Justly will He rule the world,
and its people with fairness!
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 102

Listen to my prayer, O Lord;
let my pleading come to You!
Do not hide Your face from me
on the day of my distress!

Turn Your ear to me and hear,
quickly answer when I call.
My days vanish like the smoke;
my bones burn away like fire.

My heart withers like the grass;
I have lost my appetite.
Since I cry with all my strength,
I am only skin and bones.

Like a desert pelican
or an owl in solitude,
I am sleepless and I moan,
like a bird left on a roof.

Foes revile me all the day,
make my name a curse in rage.
Ashes are the bread I eat;
tears are mingled with my drink.

In Your anger, Lord, and wrath,
You lift me to cast me down.
Like a shadow my days pass
and I wither like the grass.

But You, Lord, shall ever be -
Your Name lasts from age to age.
Rise and pity Zion, Lord:
it is time to pity her!

For Your servants love her stones,
moved with pity for her dust.
Nations shall revere Your Name,
and earth's kings Your glory fear.

When You build up Zion's gates
and in glory You appear,
You shall hear the poor ones' pleas
and turn not their prayers away.

Write this for a coming age
that in future they praise God:
God looked down from His high heav'n,
from on high, He saw the earth:

That He hear the captives' pleas
and free those condemned to die,
that in Zion they praise God,
laud Him in Jerusalem!

When the peoples congregate
and the kingdoms to serve God,

then your children shall have peace
and their race shall ever live.

God broke down my strength midway
and cut short my length of days.
Take me early not away,
Lord, who last from age to age.

Long ago, You founded earth;
heaven is Your handiwork.
Though they perish, You remain.
Like a garment they wear out.

You will change them, Lord our God,
and like clothing they are changed;
but You, Lord, remain the same -
You change not nor have an end!

Children of Your servants, Lord,
shall continue and abide;
their descendants shall remain
ever in Your presence, Lord.

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 103

Give praise to the Lord, my soul!
All my being, bless His Name!
Glorify the Lord, my soul;
forget not all His blessings!

He forgives you all your sins!
He brings healing for your ills!
He redeems your life from death!
He crowns you with love and grace!

He fills you with all good things;
like an eagle, keeps you young!

The Lord favours the oppressed
and restores their rights to them!

He revealed His plans and ways
unto Moses, who served Him;
and his wondrous, saving deeds
to children of Israel!

God is loving, merciful,
slow to anger, swift to love!
His wrath will come to an end;
not long shall His anger last!

Not according to our sins
does He deal, as we deserve;
nor does He repay us all
by referring to our crimes!

High as heavens over earth,
such His love for all His own!
As far as the east from west,
He removes our sins from us!

As a father loves his sons,
so the Lord is kind to us.
He knows of what we are made:
He remembers we are dust!

Our days are like those of grass;
we grow like a wild flower.
When the wind blows, we are gone,
never to be seen again!

But for those who honour God,
His love lasts for evermore.
His goodness shall never pass
from the ages yet to come.

Those who keep His covenant
and observe all His decrees,
shall receive His lasting love,
faithfulness that shall not pass.

God the Lord has established
His throne in the heav'ns above;
and His Kingdom shall endure,
over all things is His rule!

You, His angels, bless the Lord,
strong ones who hear and obey!
Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,
servants who fulfill His will!

Bless the Lord, all you His works
everywhere in His domain!
Bless the Lord God, O my soul!
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 116

Praise the Lord, all you nations!
Acclaim Him, all you peoples!
Steadfast is His love for us;
He is faithful forever!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 144

Your goodness I will proclaim,
O my God, my Lord, the King!
I will ever bless Your Name,
sing Your praises day by day!

Great the Lord, to whom be praise:
His greatness exceeds all thoughts.

Age to age proclaims Your works,
they declare Your mighty deeds!

They confess Your splendid pow'r
and recount Your wondrous acts.
People tell Your awesome deeds,
tell Your greatness and Your might!

They proclaim Your deep goodness,
of Your justice sing with joy;
God is kind and merciful,
slow in anger, swift in love!

God the Lord is good to all,
merciful to all He made.
All Your creatures thank You, Lord,
and Your faithful bless Your Name!

They proclaim Your Kingdom's might,
speaking of Your glorious reign,
to make known Your deeds to all;
Your rule lasts from age to age!

God is faithful in His words,
merciful in all His deeds;
He lifts up all those who fall,
raises all who are bowed down.

Living beings hope in You,
You give food in due season,
op'ning wide Your loving hand,
satisfy the needs of all.

God is just in all His ways,
merciful in all His deeds,
close to those who call on Him,
those who call with all their heart.

He responds to His faithful,
hears their cries and comes to save.
He keeps those who love His Name,
but the wicked He dismays.

Let me speak the praise of God;
let all peoples bless His Name
through the ages evermore.
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 145

Praise the Lord God, O my soul!
I will praise Him while I live!
I will sing hymns to my God
while I live, my whole life long!

Put no trust in earthly pow'rs,
no salvation comes from man.
When he dies, he goes to dust;
on that day his plans will end.

Blest the one who has at hand
as his helper Jacob's God;
he who places all his hopes
in the one true God, the Lord!

The Creator of the earth,
of the heavens and the seas
and all things that live in them
keeps His promise faithfully.

He is just to the oppressed;
to the hungry He gives food.
The Lord sets the captives free,
restores sight unto the blind.

He lifts up those fallen down,
looks with love upon the just,
aids the stranger and helpless,
but the wicked He dismays!

Evermore, the Lord is King!
Zion see, your God shall reign
for all ages that shall come.
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 146

It is good to praise our God,
to sing praise is right and good!
God rebuilds Jerusalem
and the exiles He restores.

He heals those with broken hearts
and binds up their grievous wounds.
He can number all the stars,
He made each and knows its name.

Great and mighty is our Lord
and His wisdom knows no bounds.
He lifts up the humbled ones,
but the wicked He casts down.

Hymns of praise sing to the Lord,
with thanksgiving to His Name!
Play your music on the harp,
singing praises to our God!

He spreads clouds throughout the skies.
He pours forth the rains on earth,
makes the grass grow on the hills
and gives plants to serve our needs.

He provides the beasts with food,
feeds young ravens when they call.
His delight is not in horse,
nor in warrior's mighty strength.

God the Lord takes great delight
in all those who honour Him,
those who have placed all their trust
in His never-failing love!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 147

Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, sing your praise to God!
He has strengthened all your gates,
blessed your children within you.

To your borders He gives peace,
feeds you with the finest wheat.
He sends out His word to earth;
what He says is quickly done!

He spreads snow as white as wool,
scatters frost like specks of ash,
hurls down hailstones like gravel;
none can bear the cold He sends!

His command can melt the ice.
At His breath, the waters flow.
To His people His word comes,
His decrees to Israel!

This He does not for others,
other nations do not know:
them He taught not in His ways.
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 148

From the heavens, praise the Lord,
you that dwell in heights above!
Praise Him, all you, His angels!
Praise Him, all you heav'nly hosts!

Praise Him, radiant sun and moon!
Praise Him, all you shining stars!
Praise Him, highest of heavens
and waters above the skies!

Let them praise the Lord's blest Name:
He commanded, they were made.
His word fixed them in their place
and they cannot disobey!

Praise the Lord, all those on earth:
you sea monsters and you depths,
fire and hail and snow and mist,
storm winds that fulfill His word!

All you mountains and you hills,
fruitful trees and you cedars;
you wild beasts and tame as well,
creeping things and birds on wing.

Kings of earth and all peoples,
princes, judges of the earth,
young men, and you maidens, too,
old men and you boys as well!

Let them praise the Lord's blest Name,
for exalted is His Name!
He rules over heav'n and earth
and He cares for His people!

This the praise from His faithful,
children of His Israel,
the people so close to Him!

Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 149

Sing a new song to the Lord!
Praise Him with His faithful ones!
Be Glad in Your Maker, King,
Israel and Zion's sons!

Praise His Name with festive dance;
sing to Him with harp and strings!
In His people God is pleased;
He will crown and save the poor!

Exult, righteous, in glory;
shout His praise upon your beds.
With your lips, give praise to God,
holding two-edged swords in hand.

To pass judgment on the lands
and bring justice to peoples,
to bind up their kings in chains
and their nobles in iron bonds.

Executing His sentence
written down and preordained,
this the faithfuls' chosen task!
Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

Psalm 150

Praise God in His holy place!
Praise Him in His firmament!
Praise Him for His mighty deeds!
Praise Him for His majesty!

Praise Him with the trumpet blast!
Praise Him with the lute and harp!
Praise Him with timbrel and dance!
Praise Him with the strings and pipes!

Praise Him with cymbals that sound!
Praise Him with cymbals that ring!
Let all that has life and breath
sing out praise unto the Lord!

Glory to the Father be,
Son and Spirit equally,
from eternity and now
and forevermore. Amen.

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